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Parties unite behind Tory 7½% cut

The World

Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

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er and cheese are expec- rise by 3p a pound in hops, but not before n because of large ; beef would go up by 2p and bacon and ham by 1p a pound and sugar 1p a kilogram.

With Mr Peyton, opposition spokesman on agriculture, calling for a 7½ per cent devaluation and the Liberals demanding 10 per cent, Mr Silkin pointed out that the government amendment did not exclude such a proposition during the next 12 months. But he insisted that in the interest of consumers and of food prices that would have to be done as selectively as possible. That would also be to the benefit of livestock producers in that the advantages of devaluation would not be whittled away by higher feeding costs.

To those on the Labour benches who urged him to go more slowly, Mr Silkin argued that the Government had to act immediately to avoid a massive takeover by foreign interests of the beef and pigmeat sectors. The only possible remedy was to devalue the green pound, but Mr Silkin emphasized that a large devaluation would have "a brutal effect" on the consumer and he was reluctant to make any increases in food prices.

He appeared to be indicating also that the Government's priorities were no longer as stated in the White Paper *Food From Our Own Resources*, and that while Britain should produce more of her own food that would be done on a more selective basis in future. He made clear to MPs that he was not prepared to encourage the production of food by allowing increases in food costs that would discourage consumption.

Mr Peyton, for the Tories, remained unconvinced that his proposals would have any drastic effect on food prices. No other European Government, he said, would have treated its livestock industry in that way. Livestock producers were being treated in a way that no other industry in Britain was being treated. The Government was taking risks involving not just production and the balance of payments but also those consumers it claimed to care for.

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aring natural wealth

Our Correspondent
, Jan 23

two years of work, representing the governments have not n able to agree on how e a natural resource that is shared by two or more states.

This was disclosed here today by Dr Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Echoes of Schleyer case in Germany as French authorities launch national manhunt

Industrialist baron kidnapped by gang in heart of Paris

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 23

One of the most powerful industrialists in Europe, Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, was kidnapped from outside his Paris home this morning by masked armed men. Although he was seized in broad daylight on one of the main avenues leading into the Etoile, only two eye witnesses have been found by the police and they have been of little help.

The baron left his home in the Avenue Foch just before 11 am. His chauffeur saw him into the back of his Peugeot 604 and was driving down the service road beside the tree-lined avenue when he was forced to pull out to overtake a cream-coloured van that seemed to be badly parked.

Immediately opposite was a minibus double parked and therefore well out from the pavement. The car was forced into what seemed to be an innocent narrow passageway.

As the chauffeur was negotiating the gap, a motor cyclist pulled in front of him forcing him to stop. Two masked men jumped out of the back of the van and the motor cyclist also pulled out a gun.

The men knocked out the chauffeur, who was thrown into the minibus which drove off towards the Porte Maillot on the edge of the city, where he was dumped a few minutes later.

One of the kidnappers jumped into the driver's seat of the baron's car and, with another holding the baron at gunpoint in the back, drove off into the traffic heading towards the Etoile. The car was found later in north-west Paris.

The kidnapping was all over in seconds and the witnesses have been able to give only vague descriptions of what they saw.

About an hour later police found the minibus abandoned in the Avenue de l'Amiral Bruix, not far from the place where the chauffeur was dumped. Both the minibus and the van used to trap the baron have been searched thoroughly by the police for fingerprints, but both vehicles have yielded no clues so far.

The van was stolen a month ago from a plumbing business in north-west Paris and had been fitted with false number plates.

One of the two witnesses is an electrician who had stopped outside a house where he was to do some repair work. The minibus pulled up alongside him: a masked man got out and threatened him with a gun.

He was told to hand over his ignition keys, which he did, and the minibus drove off. He heard shouting when the kidnapping took place but nothing more.



Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, head of an industrial dynasty.

The other witness was a chauffeur of a household near by who saw the kidnapping at a distance and ran inside to alert the police. So far the police have been unable to find out even how many took part in the kidnapping.

An immediate watch was put on all frontiers and police throughout France were alerted. Tonight the Ministry of the Interior said the baron's family had not heard from the kidnappers.

The baron, who is aged 41, is the grandson of Baron Edouard Empain, a Belgian engineer and financier, who was one of the original builders of the Paris underground system and who was responsible for the creation of the new town of Heliopolis in Egypt.

The present baron is the head of a chain of business concerns that employ between them 130,000 people. He organized his family's takeover of the Schneider company in the early 1960s and in 1970 formed Creusot-Loire, one of the biggest engineering companies in France.

Creusot-Loire has branched into nuclear technology under his leadership and in 1975 won a series of important contracts for the French electricity authority. In October another of his companies signed a contract to provide two nuclear power stations for Iran over the next six years. He is the first and only foreigner to sit on the board of the French employers' association.

Among his other appointments, the baron is a director of several companies in Belgium, including Electrobel, Interbrant and Intercom. He is also administrator of Luxembourg television.

The baron is married and has three children. He is an accomplished yachtsman and has his own racehorse stables.

Last April Signor Luchino Revelli-Beaumont, the managing director of Fiat in France, was abducted not far from the place where the baron was taken. He was released after 89 days when a ransom of $2m (£1m) was paid in Geneva.

Since then France has failed to obtain the extradition of seven Argentines and an Italian from Spain to stand trial for the kidnapping because the Spanish courts ruled that the crime was a political one.

The French authorities will be particularly sensitive about this kidnapping because inquiries have shown that at least some of those involved in the kidnapping and eventual murder of Herr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the West German industrial leader, last September, had been able to live in France.

West German police inquiries at the time of the kidnapping led them to believe the Baader-Meinhof gang had sympathizers and accomplices in France and it was eventually in France that Herr Schleyer's body was found.

Clairvoyant session allegedly rigged

Mr Gordon Higginson, aged 58, president of the National Spiritualist Union, was alleged yesterday to have rigged a church clairvoyant session by copying names and addresses from a raffle list.

At a tribunal set up by the National Spiritualist Union, in Bristol, Mrs Phyllis Simpson, aged 41, secretary of the Bristol United National Spiritualist Church, made the accusation.

Mr Paul Mildred, her solicitor, told the hearing that Mr Higginson wanted quiet before the meeting so he was left alone for at least an hour in the church.

Mr Mildred said: "Each name and address was available to him on the list of records in the church before the meeting, when he insisted on being alone." He had access to the church healing book containing names and complaints, a library book register and a raffle list in the kitchen.

The church service on February 14, 1976, started with a hymn and a prayer, Mr Mildred added. Later Mr Higginson, a grocer, of Stoke-on-Trent, gave a clairvoyant demonstration:

"He called out seven names and addresses. His method was to indicate that he was getting names and addresses and then inviting the audience at large to respond," Mr Mildred said.

"He had to wait until someone in the audience responded in some way. One would have expected a direct approach if it was directly in tune. Every single name and address is to be found in the records here. That is far more than coincidence."

The panel hearing the case consisted of Mr Michael Thompson, a Bristol solicitor, the chairman; Mr John Press, a retired solicitor; and Mr Harry O'Smith, vice-president of the Greater World Christian Spiritualist Association.

Mrs Simpson, mother of a girl aged three, of Ramsey Road, Horfield, and a spiritualist union member for 20 years, said she became suspicious when Mr Higginson gave an address and said: "I must have a wrong link."

She said: "I was suspicious because in the world of spirits they know who is there or someone who is very close to them." He should have been able to give more intimate details if he was properly qualified.

Mr William Thomas, aged 50, of Redland Road, Bristol, supporting Mr Higginson, said: "He said there was a young life in the family. Three weeks or a month later my niece from America wrote to me saying she had given birth to a baby boy."

Mr Higginson, in evidence, said he was tired and asked for quiet when he arrived at the church and he lay down in an anteroom. Under cross-examination by Mr Mildred, he denied moving about the church because there were so many chairs. He could not remember the library and he denied looking at the library register, the healing book and the raffle list.

He said Mrs Simpson's allegations had harmed spiritualists and offered to resign, but that offer was rejected.

The panel reserved judgment and said it would inform the Spiritualist Union and the individual parties of its decision.

The by-laws of the National Spiritualist Union empower the tribunal to dismiss Mr Higginson.

US budget priority to revive economy

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 23

President Carter published his budget this morning. It proposes federal spending, in the year beginning next October 1, of $500,200m (£263,000m). This is a sum greater than the gross national product of all but three other countries.

If the President's proposals are accepted by Congress in their entirety, there will be a deficit of $60,600m, slightly less than in the current year. The President proposes net tax cuts of $25,000m, an increase in the budget of 8 per cent (of which 6 per cent is inflation) and a slight reduction, to 22 per cent, of the proportion of the national income spent by the Government.

In his budget message, Mr Carter said that his first priority was to follow "a fiscal policy that provides for a continuing recovery of the nation's economy from the 1974-75 recession". More will be spent on welfare than President Ford proposed, and less on defence, although the defence budget will increase by 3 per cent in real terms.

There will be more money for scientific research, particularly for energy and space, and less for agricultural support. As the introduction to the President's message states: "The first complete budget of any new Administration is its most important. It is the Administration's first full statement of its priorities, policies and proposals for meeting our national needs."

All these figures depend upon Congress. The budget assumes that the President's energy policy will be accepted (it increases taxes on domestic oil and natural gas) and that various tax reforms increasing taxes by $9,000m will be approved, as well as the tax cut, giving a net cut of $25,000m.

The precise deficit of $60,600m also depends upon Congress refraining from adding any items to the budget. The only thing that can be said with certainty now is that Congress will alter the figures one way or another. This is an election year—congressional elections will be held in November—and the chances are that its amendments will be in the direction of generosity and a still higher deficit.

The Budget refers to the President's welfare reform proposals, which have yet to be enacted. Its long-term objective is "to ensure that work will always be more profitable than welfare". This year's plan is to help people who want jobs to find them, and to create jobs for those who cannot, up to a total of 1,400,000.

The President promises that he will submit a plan for a national health insurance service to Congress this year. It would not come into effect before 1981, however. This is a reform which the President has promised before, and an objective of liberal reformers for 20 years.

Mr Carter also proposes to increase family planning services for teenagers from $35m to $135m. It is estimated that two million young people do not at present benefit from such services. This is the President's answer to charges that he is indifferent to the plight of poor women who want, but cannot afford, abortions.

He also promises to find some method of helping middle-class families to pay for their children's university education.

The United States will spend $8,300m on foreign aid including military assistance, and other diplomatic expenditures, and recover $600m in offsetting payments. Of this, economic aid will be $5,407m and military aid $465m (allowing for receipts of $296m in foreign arms sales). This adds up to an increase of $944m.

The President has applied the system of "zero-based budgeting" to the whole federal budget, a system under which programmes are not automatically continued from one year to the next, but have instead to be justified every year. This was one of his pet reforms in Georgia and he promised to use it in Washington as an instrument of governmental reform.

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Mr Begin gives warning to Cairo on 'antisemitic' press campaign

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Jan 23

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, made a firm but restrained response today to President Sadat's latest stand over a peace settlement. He said that it was up to Egypt to show greater flexibility if negotiations were to resume, and indicated that Israel was adopting a flexible position with the proposals it had put forward.

At the end of his address to the Knesset (Parliament), in which he said he hoped to resume direct negotiations with Egypt as early as next week, the House voted to support his policy by 59 votes to nine.

With the military negotiations suspended at Israel's insistence after Egypt's withdrawal from the political talks in Jerusalem, Mr Begin made it clear that Israel wanted to continue with the peace efforts. But he said the military negotiations in Cairo could only resume if Egypt prevented a repetition of what he called the outrageous campaign of antisemitism conducted in the Egyptian press since the Christmas summit in Ismailia.

In a careful response to President Sadat's demands for total withdrawal from occupied territory and self-determination for the Palestinians, Mr Begin said these were totally unacceptable ultimatums. If President Sadat stuck to them it would lead Israel inescapably to the conclusion that the Egyptian leader did not want a peace settlement.

He referred to the incident in which Mr Muhammad Kamal, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, took offence because Mr Begin used an after-dinner toast to make a political speech. The Israeli leader said he had apologized to Mr Kamal afterwards, although such speeches were accepted diplomatic practice and he did not believe he had anything to apologise for.

He was not requesting from President Sadat recognition of Israel's right to exist, he said. What Israel wanted was the right to live in peace with peace treaties.

Referring to the Egyptian President's demand for total withdrawal from occupied territory, Mr Begin said that the United Nations Resolution 242 did not commit Israel to a total withdrawal. The Six Day War in 1967, he said, was in the most classical sense a war of legitimate national self-defence.

He maintained that, under international law and practice, Israel enjoyed two undeniable rights—that, in the absence of peace treaties, it could continue occupation, and that territorial changes could be negotiated.

It was his duty to inform President Sadat that Israel would live for ever, "and it is with this Jewish state that our neighbours will have to

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Retrial ordered after clash among jurors

A jury of 10 men and two women was discharged at the Central Criminal Court by Judge Pickering last night near the end of a seven-week trial after the foreman had told the judge: "I do not feel we can fairly reach a verdict in this atmosphere of antagonism."

It was indicated that 11 of the jurors were refusing to go on sitting with the twelfth one. In what was regarded as unprecedented circumstances, Judge Pickering discharged the entire jury with the comment: "It is a calamity." He ordered a new trial.

The matter arose near the end of a trial in which five Asians are accused of making an affray in Southall, west London, in May, 1976.

The first indications of difficulty on the jury came last Friday after evidence had been concluded and final speeches were being made.

The judge received a note from the jury foreman and called counsel to his room. He told them about the message, indicating that "there was some dissension among the jury". The case was adjourned until yesterday, while the judge and counsel independently checked legal authorities on handling such a situation.

In the present case there had been no "misconduct" on which the judge could exercise his powers to discharge a single juror.

When the proceedings started yesterday the judge said to the jury: "It has been reported to me that there have been difficulties, to use a neutral term, among the jury. Is that right?" The foreman agreed.

The judge said if it was possible to go on with the trial he would do so and asked the jury to retire and give a note to the court as to what happened last Thursday and Friday. He added: "Of course, if any juror is dissenting from those views, would he also write me a note?"

After an hour's adjournment two notes were handed to the judge, both from the same juror. The case was adjourned while counsel considered the legal implications.

In the absence of the jury Mr Colin Nicholls, spokesman for all the counsel, told the judge that the notes in effect said: "That so far as the jury foreman and 10 other members of the jury are concerned they cannot continue to work with one other member." Mr Nicholls said there was no indication that there had been any fighting among the jurors.

Two killed in Monte Carlo rally

Two men were killed in the Monte Carlo rally yesterday after their service car, supporting a local Opel crew, was in collision with a lorry near Gap Airport, southern France. The driver of the car died instantly and the other man died on his way to hospital. The lorry driver was unhurt.

The Opel crew, Bernard Bontaz and Pierre Gandolfo, withdrew from the rally after learning of the accident. Sandro Munari, of Italy, the Spiritual favourite, was eliminated with mechanical trouble after the fourth of five speed tests in heavy snow.

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A mortar and nb attack on e injures nine

sional IRA combined mortar and ap bomb attack against an Army South Armagh injured nine mem- the security forces. Two police- re very seriously ill. The mortar ere launched from a lorry parked n 100 yards from the barracks. he police later went to drive it hidden bomb exploded, injuring them

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and market slump

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ay plan dropped

the Birmingham to Oxford M40 have been dropped and a new ad will be built to take the l traffic. Two other routes out d will be supplemented by by- ease congestion

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nd draw again

and Pakistan drew their third Test match in Karachi after had scored 222 for five in their nings. It is more than 16 years two countries achieved a result an's notoriously slow pitches

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Ministers discuss policy with TUC

A meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee was attended by Mr Callaghan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and several other ministers. It was made clear that there would be no legislation on industrial democracy before the next general election. In the coming months the committee will undertake a series of policy reviews

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Stern group inquiry

The City of London Fraud Squad is investigating transactions involving the break-up of the £200m Stern property group. Since Stern collapsed in 1974 with debts of £170m, 52 blocks of flats have been sold, five more are being sold on individual leases and three remain unsold

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Vorster plan delayed

Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, has decided to delay possibly until next year legislation to create separate parliaments for the Indian and Coloured communities. He said that further consultations were needed. Splits have developed in both these communities over the proposals

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Skateboard safety

A group of experts, including representatives from the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, has begun talks on the possibility of drafting British Standards for skateboards and safety equipment.

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Sweden first country to ban aerosols

Sweden has become the first country to ban most aerosol sprays, which use freon gases as a propellant. Some scientists say freon degrades the Earths' ozone layer, letting through dangerous solar radiation. Manufacturers have been given 12 months to find an acceptable substitute

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Mr Brezhnev says neutron bomb threat to détente

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 23

The heads of government of the main Nato countries have been warned in a letter from President Brezhnev of the Soviet Union that deployment of the American-developed neutron bomb would jeopardize détente between East and West.

Nato sources today confirmed receipt of the letter, apparently sent several weeks ago, but would not divulge details of its contents. The alliance is considering how to reply, but is not regarding it as a matter of great urgency.

The tone of Mr Brezhnev's letter is understood to vary slightly depending on the recipient. The toughest version appears to have been sent to the West German Government and says that the Soviet Union could only view a decision to deploy the neutron bomb as a direct challenge that would be bound to complicate East-West relations.

Nato observers believe Mr Brezhnev is trying to exploit the known differences of opinion between the United States and its allies about the value of the neutron bomb, whose high-radiation blast kills people but leaves structures intact.

One fear held by European Nato countries is that an early commitment to the neutron bomb would destroy any hopes of progress in the closing stages of the Belgrade Conference on East-West Cooperation and Security. Significantly, Mr Brezhnev is understood also to have addressed his letter to some non-Nato Western participants in the conference.

Michael Binyon writes from Moscow: Dispatch of the Brezhnev letter has not been revealed by the official Soviet media. But for the past month the campaign against the neutron bomb has been intensified, with daily articles in the press on what is depicted as a rising tide of opposition in the West to the bomb.

Today in the press campaign it was the turn of the Germans and the Canadians. Tass accused Mr Barnett Danson, Canada's Defence Minister, of joining the campaign by Western opponents of détente, justifying the arms race by references to a "mythical" Soviet menace.

Talk of the Soviet military threat by West Germany's Christian Democrats at their meeting in Kiel drew a sharp response from *Pravda*.

Dr Luns's warning: The Soviet Union is conducting a relentless build-up of military might far beyond that required for the defence of its homeland, Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, said in Brussels today. The Soviet Union is also increasing the combat readiness of its forces in central Europe, he said.—Reuter.

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HOME NEWS

'Tribunites' to oppose Europe Bill guillotine

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The *Tribune* Group of about eighty Labour left-wing MPs decided last night to try to defeat the Government's intended "guillotine" of the European Assembly elections Bill.

The announcement last week of the Cabinet's intention to limit debate to three more days precipitated fury among them. After their weekly meeting last night their chairman, Mr Edward Fletcher, MP for Darlington, said they were incensed and angry and intended to mobilize every possible Labour MP for today's meeting of the parliamentary party to try to defeat the Government.

The *Tribune* MPs, and other anti-EEC members, argue that it is official party policy to oppose the European direct elections. By cutting off time for debate, the Government (relying on Conservative support) intends to frustrate its own internal opposition by denying them the chance to talk the Bill to death.

Today's PLP meeting is important for the Government's prestige. If it lost, it could still go ahead with the guillotine motion on Thursday, but its embarrassment would be intense.

Ministers out in force to meet the TUC

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Government ministers turned up in force yesterday for a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee that turned into a rehearsal of policies to put to the electorate. *Union* leaders interpreted the ministerial presence as pre-election activity, designed to sustain their goodwill.

The Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the leader of the House and other senior ministers and leading members of Labour's national executive committee were present. The Government's parliamentary position was explained and the unions political ambitions were noted.

The bad news that ministers brought to the committee was that there would be no legislation on industrial democracy *before* the next election, although there would almost certainly be a White Paper on the issue to put before the electorate.

That issue has been stalled at Cabinet level since the Bullock inquiry set up by Sir Harold Wilson reported a year ago in favour of trade unionists' holding the balance of power with shareholders on the boards of most big private companies.

The good news was that ministers looked to the TUC-Labour Party joint policy machinery for a "useful and systematic" series of progress reviews in the coming months, taking as a starting point the joint statement agreed last year, *The Next Three years and into the Eighties*, endorsed by the 1977 conference of the *TUC and the* Labour Party.

The two sides agreed yesterday that priority should be given to publication of a White Paper on industrial democracy covering the main strands of the Bullock committee's policy: the right to workers' representation on the boards of companies and the right to prior discussions of company plans.

"Although it was not possible to enact legislation this session, the proposal would have a high priority for enactment in the next parliament", the liaison committee said.

Manpower and employment policy will be discussed at next month's meeting of the committee, and the EEC's common agricultural policy will be on the agenda in March.

Ministers believe that their regular policy talks with the unions must be maintained in a realistic way if the Chancellor is to have any chance of getting union support for any form of continuing wage restraint when the present phase of income policy expires in the summer.

Travellers to Ireland given duty concession

By Alan Hamilton

Duty-free allowances for travellers between Britain and the Irish Republic will be introduced from March 1. The decision, announced yesterday in a parliamentary written reply by Mr Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, arises from a joint study headed by Mr Sheldon and Mr George Colley, the Irish Minister for Finance.

Travellers will get the same benefits as those between any other country in the European Community.

Duty-free facilities are to be permitted on all ships of 40 tons or more plying between the two countries on customs-approved routes and on flights from airports with customs facilities.

There will be no concessions for those crossing the land boundary between Northern Ireland and the republic.

Present allowances for goods bought duty free are: 200 cigarettes, one litre of spirits, 2 litres of table wine, 2 fl oz of perfume, 9 fl oz of toilet water and £10 of other goods.

A bottle of whiskey in Ireland, at about £5.20, is much dearer than in Britain, but a packet of 20 king-size filter tip cigarettes, at about 45p, is cheaper. A pint of Guinness in Dublin is 48p or more, but there are obvious limitations to selling duty-free draught stout on aircraft.

Besides being able to buy duty-free in the air, passengers will be allowed access to airport duty-free shops before departure. That facility may not be introduced immediately, as modifications to terminal buildings may be needed.

March opening: The B & I Steam Packet Co at Liverpool said last night that duty-free shops will be available from March 1 on their car ferries operating between Liverpool and Dublin and Swansea and Cork (our Liverpool Correspondent writes).



Shipmates' reunion: The Prime Minister, with Mrs Callaghan, met a former shipmate in the Royal Navy, Mr Michael Croft (left), director of the National Youth Theatre, when he arrived at the Shaw Theatre, London, yesterday, to address the governing body of Age Concern. Mrs Callaghan, then an able seaman, showed Mr Croft, an ordinary seaman, how to tie knots and to sling his hammock in HMS Malahne, in the Clyde, in 1942.

Only 14% of over-75s get home aid

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Fewer than one person in ten aged over 75 received meals on wheels in spite of the revolution in services for them over the past 30 to 40 years, the Prime Minister said in London yesterday. Although the elderly accounted for about half of total spending on social services only 14 per cent of the over-75s had a home help.

"This shows how far we still have to go in spite of our enormous advances", Mr Callaghan told the governing body of Age Concern. "But it the mark of a civilized society is the way it treats its old people, then I would have no hesitation in saying that during my political life we have moved upwards and not downwards."

During the period of "most intense inflation", from which we were now emerging, pensions had been protected not only from the effects of that inflation; pensioners had received an absolute improvement in their standard of living when the working population were acquiescing in a fall in their real standards.

Mr Callaghan set much store by the forthcoming discussion document on the needs of the elderly which will precede a White Paper due next year to promote public debate to prepare for the heavy demand of resources that will be made by the increasing number of old people in the population.

They should not, he said, be seen as an encumbrance and burden to be borne stoically by the rest of society.

"We must prepare to meet the challenge of offering all our people the prospect of an old age, which preserves maximum self respect and independence as full members of the community, and not something separate from it."

Government policies would be based on the need for older people to stay in the community, active and cared for as long as possible, and near treasured friends and family. Mr Callaghan pleaded for both government and voluntary organizations to devote more effort to providing opportunities for men and women who had spent their lifetimes in physical work to develop their unused potential in retirement.

Telephone rebate: Some councils have refused to pay the £7 Post Office telephone rebate to disabled people. In a survey of 22 areas the Child Poverty Action Group lists only two councils that paid the rebate in full.

Skateboar safety wheels set in motion

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A roomful of experts late into the afternoon day about the possibi drafting British Standa skateboards and skateb safety equipment.

The British Standard tution said it was a inary discussion to c the practicability of scheme.

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The Fulmer Research ture proposes to provide ing programme for m turers, who will be a commission confidential on their products.

Death after fall: An inq to be held on David L aged 35, a salesman, of rence Road, Roundhay, who died in hospital at after breaking an ankle fall from a skateboard he had collected for a E child last November. An tion developed after an tion and, after more oper he died last Saturday.

'Alarming' delays over detained entrants

By Robert Parker

An increasing number of people alleged to have entered Britain illegally are having to spend longer and longer periods in prison while the Home Office decides whether they should be deported, according to the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants.

Giving evidence yesterday to the House of Commons expenditure, education, arts and Home Office subcommittee, the joint council said that some of those who were in custody under the Immigration Act 1971, had been there for as long as 13 months, even though no custodial sentences had been imposed for any criminal offence.

Often courts seemed to recommend deportation in the belief that the matter would be handled speedily by the Home Office. "The court would be horrified to find that the person concerned had been imprisoned for months awaiting a decision", the council said.

The daily average number of non-criminal persons held under the Immigration Act was 121 in 1976 and 228 in the first six months of 1971, the council said.

Mr Ian Martin, general secretary of the joint council, and Mr Alex Lyon, former Home Office minister, asked the sub-committee to recommend the Home Office to improve understanding between it and the courts and to remove "alarming" administrative delays.

Mr Martin said it was possible for someone to be taken into custody and put on an aircraft without the case against him ever being put before a court and without any right of appeal.

There was also a need for the Home Office to complete deportation procedures on people serving custodial sentences by the time sentence was completed.

Dispute over jobs stops paper

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Unofficial action by printing workers in a demarcation dispute has prevented publication today of *Reveille*, owned by Mirror Group Newspapers. It was to have been the first Mirror title produced by new *photocomposition methods*.

The group said that compositors' failure to accept union instructions over the new methods would oblige the management to take "appropriate action".

The new system cost £2,500,000 to install and other Mirror group titles are due to change over at monthly intervals. They are the *Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, The Sunday People* and *Sporting Life*.

The group said full agreement on the composition system had been reached with the National Graphical Association (NGA), the main craft printing union. But last week NGA compositors claimed the right to collate copy for proof-reading by NGA members.

The management had decided that the work was more appropriate for the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa).

Bill of Rights call by Law Lord

By Our Political Editor

A British Bill of Rights, once enacted, should have the character of common law, not statute law, and judges should develop it case by case as they had been doing for centuries, Lord Scarman told a House of Lords committee yesterday.

Giving evidence at the last scheduled public meeting of the Lords Select Committee on a Bill of Rights, which is expected to report by Easter whether such a fundamental charter is desirable, Lord Scarman quickly wanted, as he put it, "to move over, if I may, to the attack".

While preferring, as is known, an overall new constitutional settlement for Britain, he accepts that it is immediately feasible only to incorporate into law an unentrenched Bill of Rights, possibly adopting the European Convention on Human Rights.

He pointed out that, far from being a "continental" list of platitudes, it was the draft of Sir David Maxwell Fyfe (later Lord Kilmuir) and Sir Oscar Dowson, then legal adviser to the Home Office.

The main effect of incorporation into law in Britain would be to afford British subjects a possible remedy against state actions and public authorities, but not private persons or corporations, in British courts rather than having the difficult recourse to the European court at Strasbourg.

Lord Scarman's main theme was that there could be nothing "untraditional" in British judges filling in what Lord Allen of Abbeydale, chairman, called "the gaps" that might arise as new laws were passed subsequent to the Bill of Rights.

Lord Allen wanted to know whether "non-elected judges" were the right persons for that. Lord Scarman replied that it had ever been so.

What the Bill of Rights would do, he said, "is to freshen up the principles of the common law; it provides the judges principles on which they would go to develop the common law case by case as they had been with a revived body of legal doing for centuries".

Cut free meals for teachers, councils urged

By Our Education Correspondent

A reduction in the number of teachers receiving free school meals is proposed as an economy measure in a government circular to local authorities.

The circular, issued yesterday on behalf of the Secretaries of State for Wales and for Education and Science, says they accept the general principle that teachers supervising at midday, whether inside or outside the dining hall, should receive a free dinner. But the Secretaries of State are concerned at the big increase in teachers taking free meals.

Since May, 1968, the number of duty teachers has increased by almost two thirds, from 145,000 to 235,000, and the number of supervisory assistants has risen from 65,000 to 106,000. The number of pupils at school has risen by only a fifth. The ratio of adults receiving free dinners to pupils present is 1 : 25, compared with 1 : 34 in 1968.

Local authorities are also asked to consider replacing up to a tenth of the meat content of meals with texturized vegetable protein, using powdered milk, and making selective use of convenience foods.

In brief

Water rate rises 17% in London

Householders in the London area will pay an average of £37.50 for the year starting in April (72p a week) for their water and sewerage, the Thames Water Authority announces today (our local government correspondent writes).

That shows an increase over *the present year of* £5.50, equivalent to an increase of 17 per cent.

RAF jet crashes

The crew of two of an RAF Jet Provost trainer ejected to safety yesterday shortly before the aircraft crashed in a forest near Pickering, North Yorkshire.

Flood at OUP

The Oxford English Dictionary department of the Oxford University Press was flooded by water from a burst roof tank yesterday.

NUT dispute to end

Members of the National Union of Teachers in Oxfordshire are to lift sanctions imposed against the local education authority over staff cuts and threatened redundancies.

Defendant found dead

Norman Courage, aged 55, due to appear at committal proceedings with two other men on corruption charges at Dorchester, Dorset, yesterday, was found dead by the police at his home in Garfield Avenue, Dorchester.

Vote against SA links

Students at Hull University have voted by 1,579 to 280 in favour of the sale of university investments in more than twenty companies with interests in South Africa. The staff were 546 in favour, 290 against.

Petition against strike

Six housewives from Merseyside will hand in a petition at 10 Downing Street today asking the Prime Minister to intervene in a strike over manning and productivity proposals that has halted the two Triumph car plants at Speke.

Coal Board put in quandary

From Ronald Kershaw
Barnsley

A tactical move by the Yorkshire Area Council of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday placed the National Coal Board in an embarrassing position. The union is prepared to sign an incentive agreement with the board provided, among other things, that all pits in the coalfield implement a scheme from the same date.

The coal board, having promised retrospective payment for pits that opted for incentives before the result of the recent ballot, faces the choice of paying Yorkshire's 66,000 miners the bonus promised to the few who opted for the scheme or breaking its promise of payment to the few.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' president, said after yesterday's meeting that he would not be surprised if *the board told the miners* who opted for a scheme before the ballot that their union was preventing retrospective payment. Union negotiators were to meet the board today to discuss the agreement.

Pension scheme campaign starts

By Margaret Stone

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday announced the start of a campaign to tell the public about the Government's state pension scheme, which comes into operation in April.

The essence of the new scheme, Mr Ennals said, is that all employees will be entitled to two pensions: the state basic flat-rate pension and an earnings-related pension up to a certain limit of earnings, at present £120 a week.

Employees' national insurance contributions are to go up in April from 5.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent, and employers contributions, including the 2 per cent NI surcharge, are increased from 10.75 per cent to 12 per cent.

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Hampshire rate increase of 6.75% a pointer for country

By Our Local Government Correspondent

Hampshire County Council, representing the largest English county outside the metropolitan areas, has kept the rate precept for the next financial year to its lowest increase since the reorganization of 1974.

The proposed rise of 6.75 per cent, approved by the council's policy and resources committee yesterday, means that when the district rate is included the increase in the householder's bill should be in single figures, *within the Government's* guidelines.

That has been achieved despite a loss of £3,500,000 in the needs element of the rate-support grant, and must encourage the Government's hopes of single-figure rate increases over the country as a whole.

Hampshire's spending is estimated to increase by about a tenth, mostly due to inflation, while less than 2 per cent is growth, taken up by school provision for the under-fives *and extra staff for the police* and social services.

The product of a penny rate has increased, and the county has, because of its level of spending, received a larger grant for resources. Those factors, with strict control of the present year's finances leading to underspending, have enabled the council to keep down its increase.

Some other non-metropolitan counties are not so well placed, and officials forecast rate increases well into double *figures*.

Gloucestershire: The county rate is to increase by 11 per cent (7p in the pound) in the coming financial year. Gloucestershire's policy and resources committee, which approved that figure yesterday, was told that the increase would have been only 8.5 per cent (5.3p) if the Government's rate-support grant had not been cut by £1.5m.

Tories propose elected majority in Lords

By Our Political Correspondent

A majority of elected members in the House of Lords is among proposals for reform in the report that Lord Home of the Hirsel and senior members of the Conservative Party have presented to Mrs Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition.

A Conservative Central Office declining *to discuss details*, said yesterday: "The report has not yet been discussed by the *Shadow Cabinet* and no decision has been taken on its publication".

Mrs Thatcher set up the committee in January, 1977, after renewed demands for the reform of the House of Lords because of its undemocratic composition and its built-in majority for the Conservative Party.

The terms of reference were simply "to review the House of Lords", which enabled the committee to conduct a wide inquiry. Lord Home submitted their conclusions just over a week ago.

A number of reforms are apparently included and the decision on the new line of party policy will be taken later after further discussion within the party. It was emphasized yesterday that the report has the status of a "discussion document", no more.

One change is said to be common to all the options: that membership be reduced from its present nominal 1,130 to between 400 and 500. The average daily attendance last year was 281.

There is one proposal that the reformed House should consist of two thirds of elected members (various methods of elections are canvassed) and one third of hereditary and life peers selected from the present membership. That could be done on an electoral college basis.

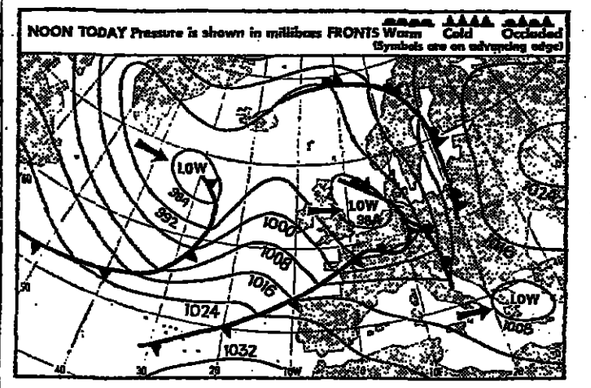
Like the Parliament (No 2) Bill in 1968, the report accepts that inheritance of a peerage shall not automatically entitle the holder to sit and vote in the House.

Lord Carrington, leader of the Conservative peers, who took a main role in the all-party talks that led to the introduction of the 1968 Bill, has put forward a scheme of reform that must come into the debate.

He proposed that one third of the upper chamber membership should be the directly elected members of the European Parliament; one third should be directly elected from whatever assemblies emerge from devolution; and one third from the existing House, "partly to ensure continuity and partly to provide a forum for those eminent in public life who are peers, or have been made life peers".

Members of Lord Home's committee were: Sir Derek Walker-Smith (Hertfordshire, East), Mr Marten (Banbury), Mr Baker (City of Westminster, St Marylebone), Mr Lester (Beeston); Lady Young, Lord Blake, Lord O'Hagan, and Lord Mancroft; and Dr Neville Johnson, professorial fellow in constitutional history at Nuffield College.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.51 am Sun sets: 4.35 pm
Moon sets: 7.25 am Moon rises: 5.14 pm
Full moon: 7.55 am

Lighting up: 5.5 pm to 7.19 am
High Water: London Bridge, 1.54 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 2.13 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 7.12 am, 12.5m (40.9ft); 7.35 pm, 12.5m (41.1ft). Dover, 11.14 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 11.34 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Hull, 6.19 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 6.25 pm, 7.1m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 11.24 am, 8.9m (29.3ft); 11.42 pm, 8.8m (28.8ft).

A depression centred over the North Sea will move slowly E with a NW airstream covering the United Kingdom.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S, central N, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Occasional rain dying out, brighter intervals and showers developing; wind W, moderate or fresh, becoming NW, strong, gale in places; temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

East Anglia, E England: Occasional rain and cloud clearing slowly; wind W, moderate, becoming NW, fresh; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Brighter intervals developing, with showers, wintry on hills; wind NW, strong, gale in places; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Mostly cloudy, hill fog, rain at times, snow on highest ground; wind W, moderate, becoming NW, strong, perhaps gale; max temp 4° to 5°C (39° to 41°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Mostly cloudy, hill fog, rain, snow, especially on hills, with moderate falls; wind NW, moderate, becoming strong to gale; max temp 4°C (39°F).

NW Scotland: Cloudy, with rain or snow, gradually becoming showery; wind NW, fresh to strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, hill fog, rain, sleet in places; wind SE, fresh, backing N; max temp 4° to 5°C (39° to 41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow Thursday: Continuing change, generally rather cold; rain, times, some sleet or s especially on N hills; night

Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover, English Ch (E): Wind SW, veering strong to severe gale; sea rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Wind NW, strong to gale; very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am 6 pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 6 pm 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 88 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 .09in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, mi. mean sea level, 6 pm, 988.6 bars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

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Aberdeen	s	4	39	Budapest	c	0	32	Lisbon	f	15	59
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Cardiff	r	8	46	Locarno	f	9	48
Amsterdam	f	6	43	Cologne	r	6	43	London	f	6	43
Athens	f	15	59	Copenhagen	c	0	32	Luxemburg	fog	0	32
Barbados	c	28	82	Dublin	c	11	52	Madrid	c	8	46
Barcelona	s	9	48	Edinburgh	sl	2	36	Majorca	f	15	59
Belfast	c	8	46	Funchal	c	16	61	Malaga	s	13	55
Berlin	c	1	34	Geneva	r	4	39	Malta	f	19	66
Bermuda	f	21	70	Gibraltar	s	15	59	Manchester	r	6	43
Biarritz	r	8	46	Guernsey	r	8	46	Miami	c	24	75
Birmingham	sl	4	39	Helsinki	f	-10	14	Montreal	f	-1	30
Bristol	r	4	39	Istanbul	c	6	43	Moscow	s	-12	10
Brussels	r	4	39	Jersey	r	7	45	Munich	c	1	34
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New York	c	2	36
Nice	s	11	52
Oslo	sn	1	34
Paris	c	3	37
Perth	c	-2	28
Rome	r	11	52
Roundsey	c	7	45
Stockholm	sn	-3	27
Tel Aviv	s	18	64
Toronto	c	1	34
Venice	r	9	48
Vienna	sn	0	32
Warsaw	c	0	32
Zurich	r	4	39

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr 25; Canada, Can $1.00; Cyprus, 25c; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; France, Frs 2.50; Germany, Dmk 1.50; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 1.50; Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire 500; Luxembourg, Lf 25; Madeira, 28.50; Malta, 12p; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 25; Spain, Pts 30; Sweden, Skr 4.25; Switzerland, 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia Din 24.

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Inquiry into lack of bed for mental patient

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday ordered his officials to inquire urgently into the reasons why the National Health Service could not find a bed for a woman of 73 suffering from severe mental illness.

The woman's family are paying £80 a week to keep her in a private nursing home.

Court rescue for kite makers

Creditors of Peter Powell Kites Ltd, of Regent Street, Cheltenham, whose "stunter" aerobatic kite was voted toy of the year, with sales of 360,000 in 1976, agreed in the High Court yesterday not to press for compulsory winding-up.

Mr Steel chides press over racy headlines

Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, complained yesterday that politics were too often presented by the press as a personalized confrontation. An unadulterated diet of "Jim lays it on the Line" or "Battling Maggie in Commons storm" was rather rich for the blood, he said at the presentation of Granada Television's *What the Papers Say* awards in London.

The awards included:

Editor of the year: Mr Donald Woods, who fled from South Africa, where he was editor of the *Daily Despatch*, East London. Investigative journalist: Mr Charles Raw, *The Sunday Times*, for his Crown Agents inquiry. Major exposé: Mr Laurie Manifold, *Sunday People*, for his work on the police pornography squad. Newspaper of the year: *The Daily Telegraph*. Sketch writer: Mr Frank Johnson, *The Daily Telegraph*.

Red flu returns to Britain after 20 years

So-called "Red influenza" has returned to Britain after an absence of 20 years. Three hundred adults and children at the United States Air Force base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, are victims of the outbreak and two cases have been reported at Bath.

The influenza disappeared from the world in 1957 after a 10-year run in which it caused epidemics in Britain in 1951 and 1953. It reappeared in China last year.

The Oxfordshire outbreak marks its arrival in western Europe, according to Dr Marguerite Pereira, director of the virus laboratory at the Central Public Health Laboratory, London. She said that the influenza was highly infectious but did not appear to be particularly virulent.



Emphasis on new trunk roads and by-passes as M-way plan goes

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Plans for the Birmingham to Oxford M40 motorway have been dropped after recent criticisms of the Government's road policy by the Leitch committee.

Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, emphasized yesterday that alternatives put forward by objectors, such as building by-passes along the existing road or moving the traffic by rail, were not feasible. A new trunk road of less than motorway standard would be built.

Two further routes to meet traffic growth, Oxford to Towcester, could be satisfactorily provided by by-passes along the existing routes, Mr Rodgers said. A fourth route where improvement would be needed, Oxford to the A1 at Stevenage via Aylesbury, would be studied without any preconceived ideas.

Mr Rodgers and his junior minister, Mr Horam, held an hour-long press conference in London yesterday to explain their decisions.

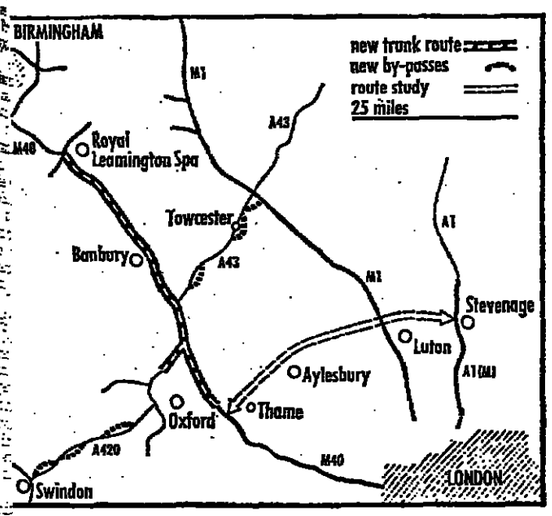
Mr Rodgers welcomed the Leitch conclusions that official traffic forecasts were and should be seen to be uncertain; that the environmental consequences of roads should be taken more into account; and that road decisions were in the last resort matters of political judgment rather than computer calculation, and should be taken openly.

"We still may not always get it right", he said, "but at least we shall make everyone feel we have gone to a great deal of trouble to try, and that the information available to the public in deciding a new road is the same as that available to me and my advisers."

Traffic between Birmingham and Oxford has been growing very fast and Mr Horam said the "products of industrial England are rattling through the streets of historic England". About 19,000 vehicles a day passed through Woodstock and with traffic congestion over the whole route by-passes would be inadequate. They would also cost the same as a new route away from existing towns and villages: £90m to £100m.

Without a new route the estimate of traffic through Banbury by 1985 was 22,000-26,000 vehicles a day, including 6,000 to 10,000 heavy vehicles.

The new route would also provide an extra fast route from London to Birmingham, relieving pressure on the M1, where there was severe congestion on the southernmost section.



Lakes forest planting to break rigid pattern

From Our Correspondent
Grasmere

The Forestry Commission is preparing a landscape plan that will eliminate the rigid geometrical lines of the Ennerdale Forest, in the Lake District, thus making the whole valley more attractive.

Public opposition to the pattern of the forest when it was planted in 1926 led the Forestry Commission and the Council for the Protection of Rural England to agree in 1936 not to acquire any more land in the central 300 square miles of the Lake District.

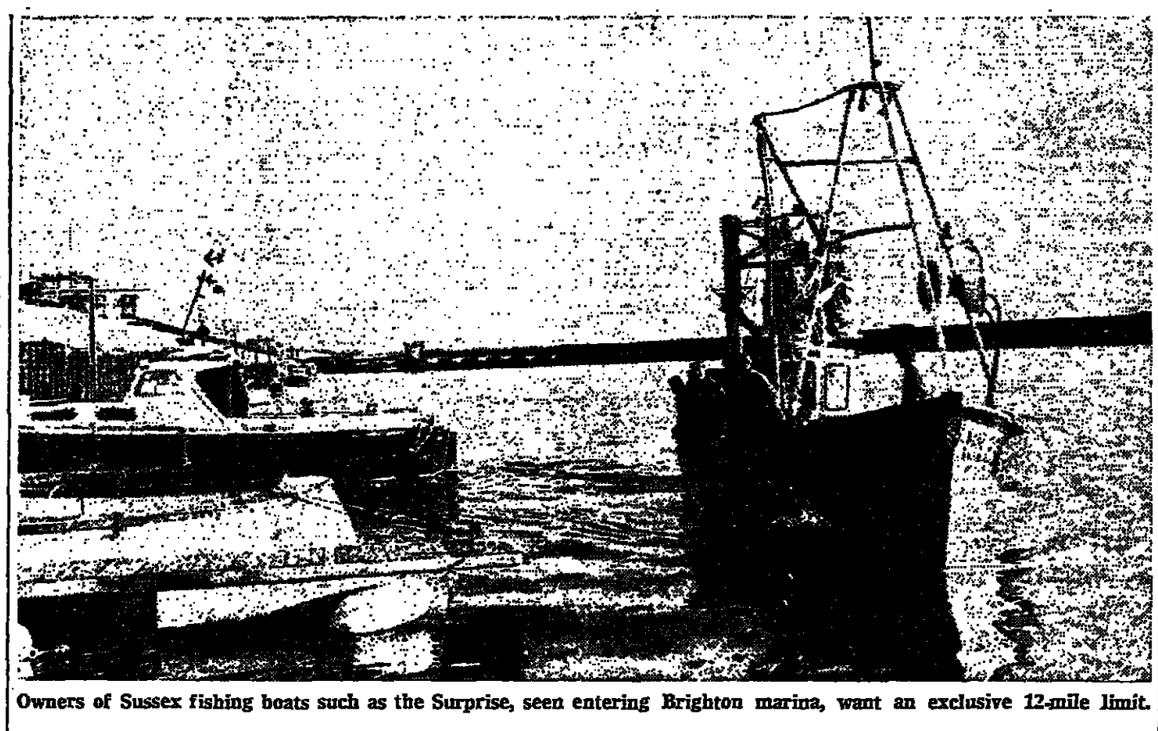
Ennerdale is not actually within that area but it was Ennerdale that started it all off. Mr Michael Scott, district officer of the Forestry Commission, said the landscape plan, which was being prepared by the commission's architect in Edinburgh, would eliminate the "uncompleted jigsaw" effect of the earlier planting and would involve the first felling of trees in Ennerdale for 45 years.

"The scheme will involve producing a new forest, keeping to the folds and contours of the land", he said. Mr Scott said the numbers of unpopular Sitka spruce would be reduced, although the species would still have to predominate as the ground was so poor and eroded. "But we shall be putting in birch, beech and Scots pine, which people like better."

He added that the North West Water Authority's plans for raising the level of Ennerdale Water by four feet would not greatly affect the Forestry Commission's scheme, as its forests lay largely above that level, although there were some "nice little groups of birch and Scots pine" on the edge of the lake.

Mine winders go back

Winding engineers at Parkhill, Ledston Luck and Sharlston collieries, West Yorkshire, who went on strike last week in protest at their share in a new incentive bonus scheme, returned to work yesterday, pending the outcome of negotiations with the National Coal Board.



Owners of Sussex fishing boats such as the Surprise, seen entering Brighton marina, want an exclusive 12-mile limit.

The fishermen of Britain, 3: Recalling the 'skull and crossbones'

Beam trawlers enrage Sussex inshore men

By Geoffrey Browning

The appearance of beam trawlers off the Sussex coast has roughly the same effect on local inshore fishermen as pirate ships displaying the skull and crossbones had on merchant ship crews in days of old.

The normally mild-mannered and affable disposition of inshoremen rapidly changes to one of furious anger and frustration at the very thought of the boats from as far away as Brixham that fish for five to 10 nights, three miles from the shore.

However incensed the Sussex men may get about exclusive fishing zones, fishing "piracy" by part-timers, and government intransigence, the beam trawler occupies a special place in their hearts. Over the past two or three years hostility has built up with the all of British vessels.

"We used to be able to fish 10 miles offshore, but we have been driven into only two and a half miles", Mr Edward Gillam, one of a group of fishermen interviewed at Brighton, said. "Twice this year my nets have been dragged away by beam trawlers, the last time was just before Christmas."

With their proximity to the Continent, the men want a 12-mile exclusive fishing limit, with the rescinding of historic fishing rights to keep the Belgians out of British waters. They would dearly love to see home-based beam trawlers pushed out to such a limit, but realize that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is not prepared to discriminate.

Mr Peter Leek, chairman of Brighton Fishermen's and Boatmen's Protection Society, said: "Our fishing could have gone on for ever until the beamers came. They are like tank transporters up against Minis."

Recently, Mr Leek went to Zeebrugge and Ostend to see what was being landed from Belgian beam trawlers. "I was horrified. Undersize fish, which should still be growing, were being landed and sold openly on the markets there."

Sussex fishermen are derisive about the quota system and say there is no effective way of policing the activities of foreign vessels. What concerns them more is that there is no way of controlling the catches of part-time fishermen.

The autumn would have been a disaster for the men had it not been for the sudden appearance of the codling. They are at present voicing concern that if nothing is done to protect sole they will suffer a similar fate to that of the herring.

Representatives from Sussex recently met Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC commissioner for fishing, at Hull, and told him that the quota system was inflexible in a mixed fishing area where different types of fish were caught according to the seasons. They came away with assurances from Mr Gundelach that he would do all he could for such regions.

"We take our complaints to the ministry and more often than not they agree with everything we say, but nothing happens after that", Mr Leek said.

"What you should be doing is getting them to say how they think these quotas are working. They should be explaining why the French should be able to beam trawl in our waters, but not in their own. Our greatest fear is that traditional British fishing rights will be just given away."

Next: Shrimpers

Five years' jail for fraudulent solicitor

John Rossdale, aged 50, a solicitor, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to five years' imprisonment for a £500,000 swindle. He was said to have taken £200,000 from clients to use in speculation and to have defrauded banks and finance companies of at least £220,000.

Mr Rossdale, of De Vere Gardens, Kensington, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of fraud, forgery and theft and asked for 25 similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Mr David Cocks, for the prosecution, said Mr Rossdale started to speculate in property when a deal fell through, and lost. He saw a way out when an elderly relative promised to leave him a substantial amount in her will, but shortly before she died she had second thoughts and changed her will, leaving everything to another relative. In anticipation of her money he made further property purchases, and lost again.

Earlier, counsel said Mr Rossdale had everything any man could want, wealth, influential and rich friends, five secretaries, a 22-room mansion in London and a farm in Hertfordshire worth £75,000. But he had not been accustomed to the grand life and it helped to lead to his downfall. Things went wrong with the property deals because of the credit squeeze and a drop in prices.

He was struck off the roll of solicitors in 1976 and made bankrupt last July.

£137,500 for crash victim

Mr Norman Dell, an accountant, whose brain was damaged in a car crash five years ago, was awarded £137,500 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Dell, of Parkside, Mill Hill, had sued Mr Henry Gear, of Bourne Hill, Palmers Green, both London. Their cars collided in Primrose Hill Road, Hampstead, in August, 1972.

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Alan Hamilton

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took 38 million holidays ome and seven million d during 1976, both s well up on 10 years when we took 31 mil- t home and 5,500,000 in foreign parts. More than half of our overseas trips were on package tours, with Spain the most popular destination.

Of those who holidayed at home, nearly half went to stay with a friend or relative, and more than a quarter braved the rigours of camping or caravaning. But we still have fewer public holidays than almost any other nation in Europe.

Our most popular leisure activity by far is watching television, with sets in 96 per cent of households being stared at for 20 hours a week at this time of year, dropping to 15 hours or less in August. But foreigners would be gravely mistaken in thinking that that was all we did with our spare time.

The book helpfully explains that the public house ("known as the pub or local") is a traditional social centre for many people, in fact for 38 per cent of us. However, we also found time, presumably before going to the "pub or local", to read 26,207 new books issued in 1976, and select from a range of 4,300 periodicals.

To help them to get to their traditional social centre although they would be better advised to walk, 56 per cent of households own cars, and they travel four times as far in them as they do on public transport. More than half of all households also own their homes.

We still find time to write 8,795 million inland letters a year, but we make even greater use of our telephone system, the third largest in the world. Of 16,000 million telephone calls made in 1976, 400 million were to the speaking clock; to check on opening time?

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Pembroke park plan to curb caravans

From Our Correspondent
Pembroke

High priority for landscape and wildlife conservation are the keynotes of a five-year management policy for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park in a report published yesterday as the first comprehensive review since the park was designated in 1952.

The 180-page document, drawn up after consultation with the public, says there is a need for a stringent policy on future residential building, but some expansion is proposed for selected villages. Two of them, Broad Haven and Freshwater East, both small holiday centres, are listed as focal points for substantial development.

The park plan invites the Secretary of State for Wales to help to curb caravans and camping. He is to be invited to approve proposals for more careful control of caravans and tents to reduce their impact on the landscape.

An expansion of existing plant and the introduction of new industrial facilities that might harm the park's character will be allowed only if they are in the overriding national interest.

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HOME NEWS

Nine injured by IRA mortar and bomb attack on army base

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Nine members of the British security forces were injured yesterday in a combined Provisional IRA mortar and booby-trap bomb attack against an army base in South Armagh.

Last night two of three policemen wounded in the incident were seriously ill.

The attack was the latest instance of increased Provisional IRA violence in many parts of Ulster since the new year, which has seen among other tactics the return of the car bomb. Observers believe the intensification has been ordered for propaganda purposes to counter government assertions about the organization's weakened position.

Yesterday's ambush took place in the village of Forkill, a well-known republican stronghold close to the Irish border. It was established that the terrorist squad was operating from inside the Irish Republic and later fled south of the border in a hijacked car.

Shortly after noon a lorry with a rocket launcher on the back was parked less than a hundred yards from the heavily guarded police and army barracks in the village. An electronic timing device was attached and about 10 minutes later four bombs were fired towards the barracks. Two of them exploded inside, shattering glass and debris in accommodation and washing quarters.

Six soldiers were injured in the explosions and five were flown to hospital in Belfast. Army sources said the bomemade bombs each contained about 20lb of explosives.

The IRA alleged in a statement that the Army had deliberately underplayed the damage and extent of injuries caused.

The second and more serious incident occurred as members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary were preparing to drive away the hijacked lorry. Although it had already been cleared by the Army the vehicle was fitted with an unseen booby-trap device, which blew up as soon as the ignition key was turned.

IRA machine guns: The security forces in Northern Ireland believe that active service units of the Provisional IRA have recently acquired a consignment of American-made M60 machineguns, potentially the most lethal weapon supplied to terrorists during the nine years of the present crisis.

Capable of firing up to 550 rounds a minute, the belt-fed M60 is regarded by the Royal Ulster Constabulary as superior to any weapon on regular issue in the province. It fires standard 7.62mm bullets and when used with a tripod is accurate up to a distance of 1,800 metres.

Intelligence reports about the weapons were confirmed last Thursday after an attack on two police Land-Rovers in Londonderry. More than eighty shots were fired at the vehicles in a short time. Examination has shown that they originated from an M60 mounted near the city's Brandywell Estate.

Army and police intelligence sources estimate that the Provisional IRA has received about six of the new guns, none of which has yet been recovered. All are believed to have arrived in Ulster through the Irish Republic and the Middle East, the route taken by a consignment of Soviet hand grenades used for the first time last month.

The M60 is a gas-operated machinegun, still in regular service with the United States Army. In the hands of Provisional IRA gunmen it could pose particular dangers for army and police mobile patrols.

Request from jail: Eddie Gallagher, the Provisional IRA man behind the 1975 kidnapping of Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch industrialist, wants to establish a fish farm while still in prison (the Press Association reports).

Mr Gallagher, aged 30, who has served two years of a 20 years' sentence, wrote to the Irish Fisheries Board on prison notepaper for advice about setting up the farm in co Donegal. He said he had a manager to look after it.

A board official said yesterday that despite his present position Mr Gallagher would probably qualify for a grant.

Three men in drug plot are jailed for eight years

Three men were each sentenced at Bristol Crown Court yesterday to eight years' imprisonment for their part in an international drug trade centred on a Wiltshire village. Three other men were given sentences ranging from 12 months to three years when they appeared for sentence.

All six had pleaded guilty to charges involving LSD, cannabis and other drugs.

The defendants were John Patrick McDonnell, aged 27, a car dealer, and William Stewart Lochhead, aged 31, a salesman, both of Chapel Lane, Hankerton, Malmesbury; David Robertson, aged 31, a market trader, of Llanddew, Powys; Phillip Hemmings, aged 28, of Belvedere Avenue, Bath; Paul Constantine Geros, aged 33, a photographer, of Clifton Hill, Hampstead, London, and Keith McCoy, aged 28, of Bisley Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Mr McDonnell and Mr Lochhead, said to have been the founders of a successful drug business with international dealings at Hankerton, were each jailed for eight years on conspiracy charges involving LSD; Mr Robertson was jailed for four years for his part in the plot and four years, consecutively, for his earlier admission to a charge concerning a cannabis plot to bring the drug into Britain from Morocco.

Last week five other men received jail sentences ranging from 12 months to four years for their part in the cannabis plot.

Yesterday Mr McCoy was jailed for three years and Mr Hemmings and Mr Geros for 12 months each on charges in connexion with the village drug business.

Girl's body found

An extensive police search in Suffolk yesterday was called off with the discovery of the body of Sharon Tear, aged six, of Gamlingay, Cambridgeshire, floating in a dyke near Barton Mills.

The mother, Mrs Barbara Tear, aged 28, was found drowned a hundred yards away

Gunman begged the police to shoot him

A gunman who hijacked a young couple and then took three police officers on a 100-mile journey knelt on the ground and begged the police to shoot him at the end of the trip, his counsel said in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday.

George McTaggart Morrison, aged 27, pleaded guilty to 17 charges, including assault and robbery, attempted abduction and firearm offences. He was jailed for 15 years.

Elizabeth Green, aged 21, whose plea of not guilty to four charges was accepted, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment after pleading guilty to taking part in one assault and robbery.

Mr John Cameron, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Morrison and Mrs Green attempted to rob a supermarket in Montrose, armed with a stolen shotgun. They were interrupted and Mr Morrison stopped a passing car driven by Mr Lee Pascoe, aged 22, accompanied by his wife, June, aged 21.

Mr Morrison forced Mr Pascoe to drive to Dundee. There the car was blocked by police cars, and officers pulled Mr Pascoe out.

When they arrived at Ayr, Mr Morrison was persuaded to agree that Mrs Green should leave the car. Mr Morrison eventually indicated that he was prepared to give himself up, Mr Cameron said.

Mr Morrison tied a piece of string to Mrs Pascoe's neck with the other end tied to his hand holding the shotgun, so that if he were shot or an attempt was made to overpower him she would be shot too.

Policemen surrounded the car and the shotgun was fired. There were threats to shoot Mrs Pascoe and the police.

It was agreed that a car and a police driver would be provided to take Mr Morrison and Mrs Green to Ayr. Later Mrs Pascoe was released and Mr John Little, Chief Constable of Tayside, Det Sergeant James Melville and Det Constable Hans Miller were substituted as hostages.

Benefit for 138,000 more people

By a Staff Reporter

A rise of 4.4 per cent in the number of people receiving supplementary benefit took place in the year ended last August, according to figures released by the Department of Health and Social Security.

In a Commons written reply, Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, said that 3,264,000 people were receiving benefit, compared with 3,126,000 in August, 1976. There were 74 recipients for every thousand people in Wales, 61 in Scotland and 59 in England.

The proportion of recipients in each English region varied between 75 a thousand in the North-west and 44 in East Anglia. For Britain as a whole the proportion rose from 57 to 60. The biggest rise in the total number of recipients took place in the South-east: from 826,000 to 868,000.

Manchester air shuttle planned

By John Chartres

A shuttle service between London and Manchester airports is being considered by British Airways, it was announced in Manchester yesterday.

A service similar to those operating between Heathrow, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Belfast, under which no advance bookings are made but with passengers guaranteed seats eventually, could be introduced by 1979, airline executives said.

Mr Gil Thompson, North of England area manager of British Airways, said that such a service, coupled with the Heathrow Underground link, might put British Airways back in a competitive position with British Rail, which took much of the business commuter traffic between the two cities when fast Inter-City trains were introduced several years ago.

WEST EUROPE

Consumers gain but farmers lose from artificial mon

'Green pound' as hero-villain or Britain's agricultural stage

From Michael Hornsby,
Brussels, Jan 23

The "green pound", that familiar but still little understood feature of the EEC agricultural landscape at the centre of yesterday's Commons debate, is the theoretical exchange rate used for translating the Community's common farm policy prices into sterling.

The rate at which the green pound is set determines directly the level of support prices paid to British farmers. Those prices represent the minimum levels at which EEC agencies intervene and buy farm produce, such as beef and butter, off the open market and stockpile it to sustain demand.

The EEC's common agricultural policy, the only truly common policy the Community has, combines a joint system of protection against imports with internal free trade and common prices. The latter are fixed by EEC agricultural ministers every spring and expressed in units of account.

Although the unit of account is sometimes presented as an embryo Euro-currency, monetary union is, of course, a long way off. That means that the common agricultural policy farm prices have to be converted into fluctuating national currencies, with the result that the real prices paid to EEC farmers vary by as much as 40 per cent from country to country.

When the common agricultural policy was established by the old EEC of the Six in the early 1960s, the Bretton Woods system was still in place, and member states apparently assumed, utopian as it seems now, that their currencies would remain in constant relationship to each other more or less for ever.

The first rude shocks to the system, and the emergence of the first "green rates", came in 1969 with the 11 per cent devaluation of the French franc, followed two months later by the 8.5 per cent revaluation of the German mark. The real rot set in, however, with the dollar crisis of 1971, heralding the era of floating exchange rates.

Initially the green rate system was intended as a means of softening the blow to EEC farmers, both in terms of prices and of competitiveness, of sudden exchange rate changes by spreading their effects over a period of time. As it has developed, however, it has become a permanent system isolating the common agricultural policy from the real world.

In Britain's case the green pound is worth about a third more than the real pound, that is, the value of sterling against the German mark and a small group of other EEC currencies belonging to the Community's joint-float mechanism (the so-called "snake").

To maintain that artificially high rate the EEC subs imports of food into B from other EEC countrie in certain cases from no countries. The cost of thos sidies to the EEC budge at one time running as hi £1.5m a day.

The green pound has th two important effects. I deprived British farmers price rises that ought to accompanied sterling's de ation, but also shielded sumers from higher shop After defending the const interest for months, Mr Minister of Agriculture, h cided to give farmers a wi

For the European Comm the main aim is to get the money system under cont is estimated to have acco for a quarter of all agricu expenditure last year. Ic the commission would li see all green rates brough line with market rates o seven-year period by a automatic adjustments.

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EEC criticism of devaluation pla

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 23

The British and Italian requests to be allowed to devalue "the green pound" and the "green lira", by 5 per cent and 6 per cent respectively, have complicated the negotiations on the EEC farm prices for the 1978-79 harvesting year, which went into their second round today.

Mr Alfons van der Stee, the Dutch Minister of Agriculture, spoke for several of his EEC colleagues when he said that the devaluations meant that Britain and Italy would effectively be securing price rises for their farmers in advance of the price settlement.

It was hypocritical of Britain, Mr van der Stee said, to demand a price freeze for most products when it was trying to give its own farmers this windfall, "prices à la carte". At the same time farmers in countries with strong currencies were being penalized, and this was unacceptable, he said.

Today's discussions confirmed that, with the exception of the Benelux countries, there is general support for a low price rise for farmers on the li the 2 per cent increase pro by the European Commiss

One of the reasons wh Silkin, the British Minist Agriculture, has propose per cent "green pound valuation is to help pi producers: British proc claim that as a result of cutting by subsidized I and Dutch imports, pigmea duction in Britain has d ally declined.

The breeding herd is to reach its lowest level years by mid-1978, the F producers say.

Boy aged 12 convicted of tramp's murder

A boy aged 12 was ordered at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to be detained indefinitely for his part in the murder of a tramp. A jury convicted him of murder by a majority of 11 to one after retiring for more than four hours. A girl of 15 was similarly convicted by the same majority and ordered to be detained indefinitely.

Two other young people were convicted for the killing of the tramp, Stephen Anderson, aged 52, an alcoholic, in a derelict house at Copeland Road, Peckham, London, on July 27 last year.

Paul Cahoon, aged 20, of Gordon Road, Peckham, was unanimously convicted of murder. Mr David Tudor-Price, for the prosecution, had told the jury that the man had "finished off" the tramp by dropping on his head a piece of brick wall weighing almost 1 cwt because he had told the group after they had attacked him that he would recognize them again.

Mr Justice Thesiger said that Mr Cahoon should be detained for 15 years "at the shortest", to deter young people from killing witnesses who might give evidence leading to their conviction.

The fourth defendant, Henry George Russell, aged 17, of Brayards Road, Peckham, was found not guilty of murder but guilty of manslaughter and is to be sentenced today.

Climbers safe

Mr Terence Plommer, aged 20, and Mr Edward Waltham, aged 21, both of Glasgow, missing for two days in blizzard conditions on Creag Meagaidh mountain, Highland Region, on which two other climbers died on Saturday, made their way to safety yesterday.

Second man is charged in Scots court with theft

From Our Own Correspondent
Edinburgh

A man aged 53 made a brief appearance in private at Haddington Sheriff Court, near Edinburgh, yesterday charged with theft in England. After his appearance Mr Robert McConachie, the procurator fiscal, said: "Following the discovery of a car at North Berwick on January 16 containing a body, a person named Archibald Thompson Hall, of no fixed address, appeared before the sheriff on petition containing a charge of theft of property in England".

The charge was the same as that faced by Michael Kitto, aged 39, at Haddington Sheriff Court last week. Mr Hall arrived at the court handcuffed to a detective and with a blanket covering his head. Both men are in police custody in Edinburgh.

At a press conference after the court appearance Det Chief Supt George Macpherson, head of Lothian and Borders CID, said that during the weekend serious charges had been put to Mr Hall and Mr Kitto in connexion with the death of Mr Walter Scott-Elliot, the former Labour MP. A report was being submitted to the procurator fiscal at Inverness. Any question of their appearance at Inverness Sheriff Court was a matter between the fiscal department and the Crown office.

Mr Scott-Elliot and his wife were last seen at their home in Chelsea in mid-December. During the police search for them the bodies of the couple and three other people have been found in Scotland.

Mr Macpherson told the press conference in Edinburgh that Mr Hall had accompanied the police to farmland at Kirkleton, Dumfries and Galloway, where a man's body was found. The next day Mr Hall had travelled to Perthshire where the body of a woman was found in a stream. "Although there is still some work to be done on this body the police feel fairly certain it is that of Mrs Scott-Elliot", Mr Macpherson said.

'Johnny go home' man must leave his 'hostel' room

Mr Roger Gleaves, the self-styled Bishop of Medway featured in the *Johnny Go Home* television documentary, was given seven days yesterday to quit a £9-a-week north London bed-sitting room he used "as a one-room hostel".

Mr Robert Buckley, chairman of Haringey Rent Tribunal, told him: "The sooner you leave these premises the better. You are not a very good tenant."

The tribunal was told by Mr Edmund Lawson, representing Mr Gleaves's landlady, Mrs G. Protopapa, that Mr Gleaves, aged 45, had a succession of boys calling at the bed-sitting room in Muswell Road, late at night.

Mr Lawson said: "Mr Gleaves has used this one room as a social room and a hostel where necessary." He also said that Mr Thomas Wylie, aged 20, the original "Johnny" in the television programme, was staying there.

Mr Gleaves, who denied the allegation about late-night calls, said Mr Wylie used to stay with him three nights a week and two other boys had each stayed for one night.

Students to picket court in protest over sentence

By Annabel Ferriman

More than fifty students from Bradford University will picket Knightsbridge Crown Court, in London, tomorrow to protest at the treatment of Mr Christopher Roys, a second-year student in applied social studies.

Mr Roys, aged 22, was fined £50 at Barnet Magistrates' Court in September for using threatening behaviour on the Grunwick picket line. When he appealed on January 6 his sentence was increased to 21 days' imprisonment, although it was his first offence. He is now in Pentonville prison.

Mr Geoffrey Shears, his solicitor, said yesterday that it was unusual for a defendant to have his sentence increased on appeal, and unique in his experience for a different type of sentence to be imposed. At no time during the hearing at Knightsbridge Crown Court had Judge Stucley given a warning that he might impose a custodial sentence.

Character references from Mr Roys's tutors and from Professor Hilary Rose, head of the department of applied social studies at Bradford, were sent to the judge last week with a plea that the sentence should be reduced. They were returned by the court at the judge's request, because the author of the accompanying letter was not a partner in Mr Shears's firm of solicitors.

About 120 students are occupying parts of the university's administrative block in support of Mr Roys. Mr Patrick Wiggins, treasurer of the students' union, said yesterday that Mr Roys was on the picket line as a member of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, which he had joined as a bank clerk before going to Bradford.

'Freezing baby in hospital' claim untrue, report says

Allegations that a baby nearly froze to death on an operating table in Barnsley General Hospital were untrue, a report said yesterday, but other allegations about theatre temperature controls at the new £12m hospital had substance.

"The position in summer will clearly be unbearable if effective remedial measures are not taken urgently", Trent Regional Health Authority said in its report.

The inquiry was set up after allegations had been made by a consultant, Mr Sharad Mahatme. He stated in a letter to a local newspaper that the baby had to be wrapped in tin foil because of the theatre's poor heating system.

The report deplored the general tone of Mr Mahatme's letter, but also criticized Mr Arthur Williams, chairman of the Barnsley Area Health Authority, for inflaming the issue by calling the allegations "disgraceful misinterpretations, exaggerations and half-truths".

The report said the authority was satisfied that the baby's life was never in danger, but it went on: "There is undoubtedly substance in the complaints about temperature control in the theatres. A number of problems still have to be solved."

Barnsley Area Health Authority had asked for the inquiry from the regional authority.

Sweden first to put ban on aerosols

Stockholm, Jan 23.—Sweden has become the first country in the world to enact legislation against most aerosol sprays on the ground that they may harm the planet's atmosphere.

The ban, which takes effect on January 1, 1979, covers the thousands of hair sprays, deodorants, air fresheners, insecticides, waxes and assorted sprays which use the freon gases (chlorofluorocarbons) as a propellant. It does not apply to certain medical sprays, especially those used by asthma sufferers.

The Swedes, who have one of the world's most active environmental protection departments, are taking seriously warnings by some scientists that continued release of these chemicals could eventually affect Earth's ozone layer.

This layer encircles the globe in the stratosphere some 12 miles up, protecting the Earth from most of the Sun's ultra-violet radiation.

There is concern that a thinning of this layer, such as by ozone's reaction with freon, would let through more radiation and increase the incidence of skin cancer among whites. It might even eventually cause the planet to warm up, melting the ice caps and flooding coastal cities, although this is a long-term, "worst case" threat.

Sweden, which uses only 1 per cent of the freons made in the world, obviously is not going to halt the threat single-handed.

Sweden is basing its legislation on data produced by the United States National Academy of Sciences. The United States has by far the highest consumption of aerosol products, but similar legislation has been slow to get underway there.

According to American officials here, the United States Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency will probably begin introducing regulations this year.

The EEC countries have shown some interest in banning sprays, but are awaiting more scientific information.—Reuter.

Eurocommunist prospect: bring Tory call for Rome treaty safeguards

By Fred Emery,
Political Editor

The prospect of Italian Communists in power provoked statements from both the Labour left and the Conservatives yesterday, with the Tories calling for the EEC April summit to draft new safeguards in the Treaty of Rome.

Given the possibility of a Conservative government, most significance was being accorded to remarks prepared for a speech last night by Mr Douglas Hurd, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, who wanted the EEC heads of government to remedy what he called a gap concerning political freedoms in the Rome treaty.

"They should sign a declaration defining the political freedoms which must in practice accompany membership of our Community", he told Westminster Young Conservatives. "Of these, the two most important are freedom of elections and freedom of the press."

He went on: "We should make plain what is already implied—that within Europe political and economic freedoms go together. It is not for the Community to say how its individual citizens should vote. But any government, whether already a member or applying to join, must see that it could not suppress freedom without, by that act, disqualifying itself from the European partnership."

The Tribune group of some 80 left-wing Labour MPs last night expressed themselves "profoundly disturbed" over the Carter Administration's distaste for Communists in the Italian Government.

The group reiterated its belief in the need for West European socialists to give active support for a policy of non-alignment with superpowers.

As a balancing sentiment, the Tribune statement declared: "Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union has any right to seek to prevent the full self-determination of other nations, whether in Italy or Czechoslovakia..."

The statement "Throughout much of We Europe the economic cri provoking a series of po crisis, which will not r be solved within the demo framework unless the representative socialist o zations within the aff nations are able to fi mutually acceptable basi alliance.

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"We hope that friendly lations may be established tween all nations, East West, within the framewor détente. We believe it to clearly obvious that this cess will only be hindered great-power interventions the political affairs of sm nations."

Battle over licence for the chocolate drink village

Regional report

Ronald Kershaw
New Earswick

Children from the small village of New Earswick, on the outskirts of York, have grown up polite, friendly and generally healthy. By and large they are expert swimmers and the boys excel at football. Vandalism is almost unknown.

Those and other virtues may be directly attributable to the fact that there are no public houses in the village, and nobody sells alcohol in any shape or form. That at least is the contention of Mr J. Rendel Ridges, of Western Terrace, a resident of New Earswick since 1923.

There are no doubt innumerable people among the two thousand inhabitants of New Earswick, who would take issue with Mr Ridges on the merits and demerits of access to alcohol. There is a strong pressure group in the Village Association, who want a licence for the sale of drinks at the Folk Hall on the ground that it would attract more functions and swell the association coffers. They will, however, have a fight on their hands.

New Earswick, with its 850 houses, was founded by the late Joseph Rowntree, the chocolate manufacturer.

Having embarked in the chocolate drink business in about 1870, he found himself extremely wealthy by the 1900s and in 1904 founded three trusts, one of which was the Joseph Rowntree Village Trust, the beginnings of New Earswick.

Mr Ridges, who is 84 and a student of the village deed of foundation, as befits a former Rowntree employee, points out that its conditions forbid anyone to have a personal interest in profit from alcohol or be paid salary or commission varying with the profit or the quantity of liquor manufactured or sold.

But Mr Hugh Main, secretary of the Village Association, says the association is not viable at present, despite a £5,000 grant from the Rowntree Trust and a loan that has yet to be repaid.

Soldier seriously hurt during rifle practice

A guardsman was seriously ill in hospital last night after being struck by a bullet on a rifle range at Chelsea Barracks, London. Corporal David Wilson Minto, aged 29, of the Scots Guards, was hit in the back of the head by a .22 bullet.

He was taken to Westminster Hospital, where he underwent a two-hour operation by neurosurgeons. He was very seriously ill last night.

Corporal Minto, married, with two children, comes from Blackburn, Lothian and Borders, and has been stationed at Chelsea for two years with the 1st Battalion. Yesterday afternoon he was doing target practice with a self-loading rifle adapted to fire small-calibre ammunition.

His adjutant said: "It must be emphasized that this was an accident and nothing else. Practice on the range is an everyday event here."

The Army said the Military Police Special Investigation Branch will inquire into the incident. Corporal Minto's relations in Scotland have been told and will be flying to London.

Tory fight for pupils' morals against 'barbarians within'

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Sinister and undesirable forces are moving in to fill the vacuum created by the neglect of religious, moral and political education of children in schools, Mr St John-Stevas, MP, Tory spokesman on education, said in London yesterday.

One of the primary tasks of the educational system must be to ensure that every child leaves school with a sense of moral and cultural values generally accepted by society and transmitted from one generation to the next, he said.

Those values constituted the life of a society, and if that common possession was lost a society died. Today the barbarian was not outside the city walls but within them. He might wear no bearskin and carry no club, but sit in a booklined study and wield nothing more lethal than a ball-point pen, but he was no less dangerous for that.

"We are extremely concerned that because of the neglect of this sphere some extremely undesirable forces are moving in. Extremist ideologies, of left or right, are likely to be promoted or, what is in many ways worse, a view of life promoted that is amoral and valueless, like that presented in the film *The Clockwork Orange*."

Mr St John-Stevas mentioned the National Front and the Socialist Workers' Party as examples of the type of extremist organization he was talking about.

He was speaking at the launching of a nationwide Tory campaign, "Values '78", designed to promote religious, moral and political education in schools.

'Life' for teenager

Steven Whittaker, aged 19, of Layford Close, Huyton, Merseyside, was sentenced at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday to life imprisonment for murdering a man

Prisoner caught

David Hills, aged 27, the second of two prisoners who escaped from Reading jail together six weeks ago, has been recaptured at Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Attitudes to drug abuse reassessed in France

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 23

A new approach to the drug-taking problem in France has been put forward in a report presented to President Giscard d'Estaing by Mme Monique Pelletier, the recently-appointed Junior Minister at the Justice Ministry.

After a six-month study of the different aspects of drug abuse, Mme Pelletier has produced a series of proposals designed to take the "terror and the fascination" out of the subject and to make it understood by everyone.

Her report suggests that drug abuse can be significantly reduced, if not eliminated, by making drug-taking seem banal.

At a press conference to introduce the report Mme Pelletier said there were no miracle solutions. Her research team had sought to go beyond clichés and to approach drugs from the point of view that they were just one of a number of different social problems and had to be seen in that context if they were to be understood.

The team seems to have been particularly impressed by how widely it was felt that the use of drugs was in no material way different from the use of other stimulants such as tobacco, alcohol or even coffee. The whole tenor of the report is therefore to treat addicts very much like any other member of society.

It even raises the question of whether the law should punish drug users and suggests that automatic prison sentences for smoking hashish should not be given for a trial period of three years.

Three bomb attacks in Barcelona

Barcelona, Jan 23.—Th bombs exploded here du the night, but the police today no one was injured.

One bomb, tossed from a p ing car, wrecked a police I outside Barcelona's Model and a second one went off side a children's home, cau slight damage.

A third bomb broke wind of a regional court building Granollers, outside Barcelo early today.—Reuter.

Malta recalls envoy

Valletta, Jan 23.—Malta recalled its High Commissio in Australia and said his du would now be performed by chargé d'affaires, but no rea for the move was given.

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WEST EUROPE

Magistrate resigns in controversy over anti-kidnap methods

Milan, Jan 23.—Signor Ferdinando Pomarici, Italy's best-known investigator of kidnappings, has resigned after controversy flared up over his tough methods, which included the arrest of three men who had just collected 800m lire (£470,000) in ransom money.

The arrests on Saturday prompted the wealthy family of the kidnap victim, Signor Giovani Belloli, to protest that the action endangered his life. Previously officials have waited until those abducted were released before pursuing their kidnappers. Signor Belloli, aged 25, the son of an olive oil magnate, is still in captivity.

The resignation of Signor Pomarici, a Milan magistrate, came yesterday, and he hinted today that he was not getting the support he wanted from his superiors. Italy has suffered a wave of kidnappings in recent months, with 76 people abducted in 1977.

Signor Pomarici had the three suspected leaders of the Belloli kidnap gang arrested after they picked up the ransom money intended to secure the release of their victim, who was seized near Milan last October.

The three arrested men are all Calabrians suspected of leading a gang responsible for several abductions round Milan. Signor Pomarici said today that the police move against them was a calculated risk.

The magistrate first won prominence two years ago by ordering that the assets of a kidnap victim's family be frozen to prevent them from paying a ransom.

Signor Pomarici said today that several kidnapped people had not been heard of, although their families had paid the ransoms demanded.

In one case, he said, the kidnappers were still bargaining about the ransom for a lawyer only hours before the captive's body, encased in cement, was found in a lake, where it had been dumped weeks previously.—Reuter.

Signor Andreotti begins round of consultations

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Jan 23

Signor Andreotti tonight opened his official consultations on forming a new Government with the Communists after having earlier explained to his own Christian Democrat colleagues the main points of the programme of his proposal administration.

The Prime Minister designate's programme encompasses four points: his first priority is to restore tranquillity to the cities; the second to protect jobs; the third to create to opportunities for employment for young people; and, lastly, to prevent any fall in the value of the Lira.

The consultations are however, still at the level of general politics rather than specific issues. The Communists once again repeated today, shortly before the meeting with Signor Andreotti, that they were against general elections, but they did not fear such an eventuality if the Christian Democrats though they could use it as a means of applying pressure.

Signor Pietro Conti, a member of the party's national executive, said in a speech today at an emergency Government including the Communists remained their immediate objective.

Hamburg prize for British theatre producer

Mr John Dexter, the theatre and opera producer, has been awarded the 1978 Shakespeare Prize by the F.V.S. Foundation of Hamburg, which is given for outstanding achievement in the Arts by a British citizen.

The prize, which includes a £6,250 cash award, has previously been given to Dame Margot Fonteyn, Paul Scofield, Philip Larkin and Peter Brook.

Mr Dexter, aged 51, who is director of production at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, is well-known in West Germany for his work as a producer with the Hamburg Opera from 1968 to 1973.



Miss Rita Hayworth, the American film actress, receives the Valentino prize in Bari for "excellence" throughout her career.

Experts believe in terrorists' suicide

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Jan 23

Two foreign experts who attended the post-mortem examination of three Baader-Meinhof terrorists found dead in jail last October, said today that foul play was "most improbable".

Numerous elements pointed to suicide and none indicated that they could have been murdered, the experts told a Baden-Württemberg parliamentary commission investigating the deaths.

Andreas Baader and Jan-Carl Raspe died from bullet wounds and Gudrun Ensslin was found hanged.

Professor Armand André, of Liège, Belgium, and Professor Hans-Peter Hartmann, of Zurich, had been asked by the Government to attend the post-mortem examination as independent observers. The provisional finding of suicide failed to convince left-wingers in several countries. The final results of the post-mortem examination have not yet been published.

Professor Hartmann used a dummy pistol to demonstrate how he deduced that Baader, a left-hander, shot himself in the back of the neck, presumably to make his death look like murder. This was, in fact, a particularly efficient way of killing oneself, he said.

The experts said that both Baader and Raspe, who was shot through the right side of the head, were in a sitting position when they died. This meant that if anybody else had fired they had not put up any resistance. Any attempt to hold them down would have left marks. Laboratory tests ruled out any possibility that they had been drugged.

OVERSEAS

Mr Vorster puts off plans to set up separate parliaments for Coloured and Indian groups

From Eric Marsden
Johannesburg, Jan 23

The implementation of South Africa's plans to set up separate parliaments for the Indian and Coloured (mixed race) communities is to be delayed.

Mr John Vorster, the Prime Minister, has disclosed that the legislation for the constitutional change will not be introduced in the Parliamentary session beginning this week, and may be put off until next year. Further consultation is necessary and more time is needed for legal drafting.

The proposals were outlined by Mr Vorster five months ago. Apart from the separate parliaments, a council is to be formed with members from the parliaments of the white, Coloured and Indian communities. It is to be headed by a state president with executive powers, to be elected by an electoral college of 50 whites, 25 Coloureds and 13 Indians. The post is generally expected to be taken by Mr Vorster.

Splits have developed in the Coloured and Indian communities over the proposals. More conservative elements have cautiously accepted them as a basis for further discussion, but radical groups, which appear to have majority support, have called for their rejection. Several rounds of talks between Cabinet ministers and Indian and Coloured leaders have failed to produce agreement so far.

Critics of the constitutional plans point out that they make no provision for political representation of the majority black community and that the council is certain to remain under white and National Party control. White opposition politicians have echoed fears that the powers of the proposed state president could become dictatorial.

A direct threat to the proposals has emerged from a meeting at Ulundi, KwaZulu, between Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu political leader, and Coloured and Indian radical leaders. The Zulu Inkatha movement, headed by Chief Buthelezi, issued a joint statement with the Coloured Labour Party and the Indian Reform Party pledging to establish a working relationship to plan a common strategy against apartheid.

This declaration is regarded as a deliberate challenge to the Government's plans for constitutional reform, though the Zulu, Coloured and Indian leaders emphasized that they advocated non-violent opposition to the white Government's policies. There is concern in official circles over the openly hostile tone of recent statements by prominent Zulus.

Mr Gibson Thula, the chairman of the Inkatha publicity committee, told a meeting of the Institute of Race Relations in Cape Town that he foresaw a black majority government in South Africa being established through "a national convention" which could decide on a peaceful settlement. The convention must include all ethnic groups, leaders of banned organizations, and leaders detained on Robben Island or exiled abroad.

Mr Thula's statement has aroused fresh suspicions that Inkatha, originally formed as a cultural movement, has links with the banned African National Congress.

Chief Buthelezi is the foremost of the black homeland leaders and has so far adamantly refused to consider the offer of independence for KwaZulu.

This is a serious obstacle to the Government's aim of accelerating the independence of the remaining nine homelands.

Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice, had a confrontation with Chief Buthelezi last September on the activities of the Inkatha. A transcript was later published by one of the chief's aides, without the minister's permission. It disclosed that Mr Kruger had warned Chief Buthelezi to confine the Inkatha movement to promotion of Zulu welfare and not to seek to bring in other tribes.

West renews Namibia initiative

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Jan 23

It now seems almost certain that a new Western-initiated attempt to break the deadlock in the negotiations over the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) will take place in New York next month, probably about February 1 0or 11.

Ambassadors representing the five Western members of the United Nations Security Council—Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada—have held two meetings with the South African Government in the past two days.

It is understood the main purpose of these meetings was to attempt to reconvene the "proximity" talks with the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) which were to have been held last month but were cancelled.

According to diplomatic sources the five Western nations proposed during their meeting yesterday with Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, to upgrade the talks by bringing their own foreign ministers into the New York meeting. This would make them the highest-level negotiations the South African Government has conducted with the Western states on the Namibia issue.

The Western proposal was considered today by the South African Cabinet, which met for the first time this year in Cape Town prior to the opening of the new session of Parliament on Friday.

Later i nthe day the five Western ambassadors held a short meeting with Mr Brand Fourie, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at which the South African Government gave its reply to the Western proposals.

No official statement has been made concerning today's meeting, but it is understood that South Africa agreed to attend next month's meeting subject to confirmation that Mr Vance, he American Secretary of State, would also be there. The South Africans also want to know that Swapo is prepared to be in New York at that time.

The South Africans have expressed considerable dismay over what they regard as the mishandling of last month's attempt to arrange such a meeting. Not only did Swapo announce that the date of January 17 proposed by the West was inconvenient but it also transpired that Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, who would have been a vital element in the cancelled talks, would not be available then.

The South African Government has made it clear that it regards the proposed meeting as a final attempt to achieve a negotiated solution of the Namibian independence issue involving both Swapo and the Western powers.

Umtata: Transkei police have arrested Mr Hector Ncokazi, the leader of the opposition Democratic Party, for the second time. His party opposes the independence granted to the black homeland by South Africa 15 months ago.

Mr Ncokazi was arrested in July, 1976, and released last February, after being held without charges.—Reuter.

Kariba again bombarded by batteries in Zambia

Salisbury, Jan 23.—The Rhodesian border town and tourist resort of Kariba was attacked with mortar fire and a rocket barrage from Zambia last night, but there were no casualties and only minor damage was caused, a combined headquarters communiqué announced here today.

It was the second attack on the Kariba holiday resort since June 17 last year when an African civilian was injured in shelling from Zambian territory, soon after President Kaunda had declared his country to be "at war with Rhodesia".

Yesterday's attack was described by the official communiqué as "unprovoked".

There have been several border incidents between Rhodesia and Zambia along the Zambezi river since 1967. Most occurred near the holiday resort of Victoria Falls where a luxury hotel, the Elephant Hills Country Club, was destroyed by fire on November 2 after a rocket attack.

A southbound train carrying copper hit a landmine orth of Wankie on the line to Victoria Falls on Saturday evening, the Rhodesia Herald reported today. No one was injured but the damage was reported to be extensive.

Yesterday the Rhodesian Guild of Journalists issued a statement deploring the Government's latest censorship measures which prevent the reporting of all news and comments relating to the newly-announced amnesty offer to guerrillas outside Rhodesia.

In Salisbury today the settlement talks were resumed after a four-day break Black delegates indicated that some progress was made on the question of how long whites should enjoy special safeguards for their future in a black-ruled Zimbabwe.

Nationalist sources close to the talks said new suggestions had been put forward in an attempt to solve an argument over the length of time. They would not say by whom.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Journalists held in Soweto freed

Johannesburg, Jan 23.—Two black South African photographers arrested with five foreign correspondents in the African township of Soweto were released last night soon after their white colleagues, it was learnt today.

The seven journalists and a black driver had been detained as they left public meeting they were covering yesterday.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BLUE JEANS SALES Limited Nature of Business: Wholesalers of clothing.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BUILDFORTH Limited. Nature of Business: Building Contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th October, 1977.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of D. F. G. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Limited, Nature of Business: Builders and Decorators.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st November, 1977.
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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 5th December, 1977.
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D. J. HANNAGAN, Secretary.

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of RONHEATH Limited; Nature of Business: Property dealer.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of AUTO CAMPER HIRE Limited T/A BLACKHORSE SERVICE STATION Nature of Business: Hirers of motor caravans and service station proprietors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th November 1977.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of AUTOMATIC SMALL TURN PARTS Limited Nature of Business: Light Engineers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st November 1977.
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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE Monday the 21st day of November, 1977.
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WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 28th November, 1977.
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President Carter's £60,000m defence budget tailored to meet Nato's military needs

From David Cross
Washington, Jan 23

President Carter's first national defence budget, which at $117,800m (£80,000m) represents an increase of 9.4 per cent over the previous year, is tailored principally to meet the defence needs of Europe.

"To parallel commitments made by our European allies, I am proposing significant increases in our overall defence effort, with special emphasis on those forces and capabilities most directly related to our *Nato commitments*", Mr Carter said when he sent his budget for the 1979 fiscal year to Congress today.

The 1979 defence budget was "*prudent* and tight". Mr Carter said, but represented a real growth in outlays of 3 per cent above the current year's budget.

Echoing this analysis, Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary, told a press conference that the present Administration had "a very *strong commitment*" to the security of Nato. Western Europe was clearly a "critical area of the world" both for the United States and for its *main potential adversary*, the Soviet Union.

Mr Brown recalled that the Nato allies agreed last spring that the continued build-up of Warsaw Pact forces over the past 15 to 20 years not only "Warrants but requires" a matching effort by the allies. The 3 per cent rise in outlays for Nato accounted for the bulk of the real increases in the budget, he said.

A closer scrutiny of the *budget figures discloses* that continued high priority is placed on the cruise missile programme with an acceleration of development of the air-launched version and the provision of more forward planning funds for the ground-launched model.

Priorities also include the allocation of $1,300m for army helicopters and armour, including initial production of the new XM1 battle tank a year earlier than originally expected.

The first XM1 tanks are expected to be equipped with American-built guns, but later models may have West German-built weapons. It is understood that the British gun which was once in the running has been rejected for the XM1.

The Air Force's tactical equipment will be upgraded with the allocation of some $3,900m for A.10 attack aircraft and F.15 and F.16 fighters.

The American effort to improve Nato standardization and interoperability of weapons systems (the so-called "two-way street") will concentrate *on procurement of the Franco-German Roland surface-to-air* missile system, of Belgian machine guns for armoured vehicles, and of British L16A2 *mortars and ammunition*, as well as British smoke grenade launchers and ammunition for armoured vehicles.

The research and development budget will rise by some 7 per cent after inflation to about $11,800m. This sum includes a total of about $640m for the cruise missile, as well as funds for research on such weapons of the future as anti-satellite laser beams and charged-particle "death rays".

A sum of $2,800m for the new Department of Energy includes funds for new nuclear weapons, including the controversial neutron *bomb*.

The main savings are in shipbuilding and strategic missile programmes. Shipbuilding is $1,100m lower than the amount approved by Congress in the current budget. More than half of this is due to the procurement of only one Trident submarine, compared with two in the current year. There are no requests for funds for aircraft carriers or cruisers, and production of the Navy F14 fighter has been cut by a third.

There are also manpower savings of some $200m in real terms, reflecting reductions in active military personnel by 20,000 and reserve strength by 14,000.

Police files on leftists hurt career of champion of progressive society

Image of South Australian Premier tarnished

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, Jan 23

It is ironic that of all Australian politicians, Mr Don Dunstan should suddenly find himself in trouble over the activities of the Special Branch of the state police.

The South Australian Premier's record on such matters as civil liberties, citizens' *rights, freedom of the individual* and the progressive society, is second to none. Yet suddenly, it has been revealed that the Special Branch of South Australia's police force has been keeping files on thousands of usually left-wing citizens and despite Mr Dunstan's immediate dismissal of the police commissioner, it is now being suggested that he knew of the files some years ago.

Mr Dunstan, at 51, is one of the most remarkable politicians in Australia's history. His astonishing popularity in his own state can be measured by the fact that for many years staunch Liberal Party voters have been openly known to stand up in the defence of their Labour Premier.

This was proved in 1975, when Mr Dunstan had to face a state election with Labour's popularity dismally low in the wake of the disastrous "loans affair" of Mr. Gough Whitlam's federal Government. Mr Dunstan nevertheless won his election.

He has managed also to take conservative, isolated and *church-dominated South Australia* and transform it into a lively state from which new standards of morals, behaviour and political energy can be extracted and adopted by the other states.

Mr Dunstan first became premier in 1967, having served briefly as a minister in a previous administration. Although he lost to the Liberals in 1968, he bounced back firmly in 1970 and looks like remaining the state's Premier for a very long time.

One of his first achievements was not exactly political. He decided that Adelaide was a sunny place and, accordingly, turned up at Parliament in a pair of pink shorts, outraging *every decent churchgoer* in the city. Later, a special Bill was put through Parliament permitting more casual dress in the House.

The list of achievements which must be attributed to the Dunstan Government covers almost every sphere of modern political activity

The criminal code has been overhauled, the state has been the pace-setter in consumer protection and company law reform, there have been many *community welfare initiatives* and huge funds directed to the Schools Commission.

He also initiated urban programmes, a free bus service through the city and *reforms* in attitudes to homosexuality, abortion and censorship. His administration provided new directives on conservation, launched the development of



Mr Dunstan : A civil liberties record second to none.

the Adelaide Festival centre (of arts), and gave the Aborigines land and drinks rights.

Mr Dunstan is spectacular as a public man. He has a sophistication and urbanity so pronounced that these traits have attracted suspicion. But within *the Labour movement*, his supporters have been able to say to his detractors: "Remember who keeps the votes coming in."

He is an accomplished classical pianist, has published a cookery book and has given readings of Shakespeare, Yeats and Dylan Thomas on the radio.

He is divorced from his first wife, and has three grown-up children. Last year, *he married* Miss Adele Koh, his Asian secretary. While often displaying an acerbic tongue he has also managed to dismantle so much of the stuffy attitude of what used to be known as the "wowser state" politically, that he has been described as "a very pragmatic Fabian".

Because of Mr Dunstan, South Australia is the antithesis of the ultra-conservative Queensland under Mr Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, where the police appear to have frightening powers and demonstrations without a permit are banned.

But now it is the progressive Mr Dunstan who is being tormented by police matters, and unless he can counter the allegations effectively, his image will be severely tarnished.

For years he has been urged to go into federal politics and, simply, become Prime Minister. He has resisted these suggestions, but allowed his popularity to assist the federal Labour Party at elections. The events of the past two weeks *seem unlikely to threaten his* position in South Australia, and he certainly acted swiftly in an effort to rectify the situation. But his supporters must be anxious.

Somalis battling 'in streets of Harer'

Nairobi, Jan 23.—Somali forces have penetrated the strategic mountain city of Harer in eastern Ethiopia and are *fighting* in the streets as Ethiopian jets attack them from the air, according to Mogadishu radio.

The radio said today that Ethiopian jets were hitting civilian districts as they swooped in to bomb Somali positions in the old city, which commands the main north-south mountain road.

In November, the Somalis sent a force inside the old walled city but it was soon withdrawn and the fighting died down.—Reuter.

Bonn: Dr Haile Gabriel Dagne, Ethiopia's Ambassador in Bonn, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry today after accusing West Germany of financing Somalia's attempt to invade and destroy his country.

A Government spokesman said the envoy had been called to the ministry in connexion with the expulsion yesterday of Herr Johann Lanke, Bonn's Ambassador in Addis Ababa, and because of a press conference he gave here earlier today.

The Ethiopian ambassador told journalists that by giving Somalia a DM25m (£6m) credit, West Germany had broken its pledge to remain neutral in the conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia.—*Reuter.*

Peter Nichols writes from Rome: Major Dawit Wolde Ghiorgis, Ethiopia's Deputy Foreign Minister, claimed here today that West Germany had lent Somalia money to buy arms and had organized an airlift of sophisticated weapons and troopcarriers.



Snowmobile riders refuel their ski-based vehicles in Rochester, New York state, where more than 100in of snow has fallen since early December, frustrating those dependent on the wheel.

Egypt warned to cut population growth

From David Watts
Cairo, Jan 23

Egypt's population growth rate is the main obstacle to its economic development and could "destroy all other achievements" unless it was brought under control, Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, said in Cairo today.

He said Egypt's rate of population increase, 2.58 per cent a year, was one of the highest in the world and would mean a population of about 70 million by the end of the century if not controlled. That would absorb about 75 per cent of all expected investments, leaving room for only a small improvement in the standard of living.

Mr McNamara was speaking *at the end of a visit to Cairo to* discuss details of the $250m (about £130m) the bank will lend Egypt this year, the five-year development plan now in preparation, and requirements for new loans.

The years of war with Israel have left Egypt with $11,200m in foreign debts, the servicing of which absorbed 90 per cent *of its export earnings* in 1975-76.

Dr Abdul Moneim el Kaissuny, Deputy Premier for Financial and Economic Affairs, said it was planned to *reduce* this figure to 53 per cent of export earnings this year.

Despite the overall economic gloom, Mr McNamara said the worst was over for the Egyptian economy and endorsed Dr Kaissuny's claim that the gross domestic product was now growing at 9 per cent a year as against half that figure two years ago.

Dr Kaissuny said that remarkable improvement was *attributable to Egypt's becoming* a net exporter of petroleum, the recovery of tourism, revenue from the reopened Suez Canal and other factors including increased efficiency in both private and joint enterprise.

American coal miners see bitter strike as union's last stand in class struggle

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 23

One image of the American coal miners' strike, now in its seventh week, is of the storage room of Sears department store in the prosperous little mining town of Pikeville, Kentucky.

It is piled with boxed refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, dryers and rolls of carpet—all ordered before *the strike* began but destined to remain uncollected and unpaid for until it is over.

We have come a long way when a strike means, for some miners, the difference between taking delivery of a new dishwasher and struggling along for a few more weeks with the old one. Yet there is another image, of a grimmer and more traditional kind.

At a few points along the roadside, by the *entrances to* rough roads leading to non-union mines, small groups of men, well wrapped against the wind and snow, are huddled by braziers. *They are union* pickets, trying to ensure that all coal production in the region is suspended until agreement is reached.

On most days there are reports of scuffles involving pickets and sabotage of equipment at non-union mines. Usually the incidents are on a small scale. Two weeks ago, however, one union man was shot by a mine security guard, one of the men the strikers describe as "gun thugs".

The miners are among the last groups of American workers to view labour relations in the classic terms of class struggle. Their attitude remains heavily influenced by John L. Lewis, who led the United Mine Workers of America from 1920 to 1960, taking them through a bitter series of strikes in the Thirties *and Forties which resulted in* greatly improved conditions.

That the union, and indeed the industry as a whole, still lives under the shadow of this folk hero was demonstrated in that roughly half the people I interviewed in a four-day visit to eastern Kentucky brought his name into the conversation.

The *strike* comes at a time when the union, weakened by years of internal dissension and now unable to unionize more than half the country's miners, is in the view of many fighting for its very survival.

The union called the strike on December 5 because its three-year contract *had expired* and it had been unable to negotiate a new one. Almost every three years the bargaining on a contract provokes a strike. In 1974 it lasted 22 days, in 1971 42 days.

The present strike is approaching the 59-day record set in 1946, when the union finally won from the employers the establishment of health and retirement insurance schemes.

The union claims that the employers, the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, made no serious attempt to settle the contract before the strike deadline ran out.

The employers are certainly in a stronger position to survive a prolonged stoppage. Before the strike began, six months' supply of coal had been stockpiled, and this is now fetching a higher price than would have obtained had production continued.

Where a few years ago some 70 per cent of coal miners were members of the union, now the figure is less than 50 per cent. The 160,000 members get no strike pay, although they qualify for government *food stamps to ensure they do* not starve.

The pension fund, financed by contributions from employers based on hours worked and tonnage produced, is bankrupt and will stop paying pensioners next month. What the miners mind most is the withdrawal of the card giving them free medical care, the first time this step has been taken in a contract strike.

"If we decide to go back, it will be to do with the medical card," said Mrs Londie Hall, one of the dozen or so women among more than 1,000 miners at the United States Steel mine at Lynch, Kentucky. "If people get sick they won't be able to afford to go to the hospital. It's cold and damp underground and at times you work in water and mud."

She added: "It's kind of rough. It's no place for a man, let alone a woman."

Mrs Hall is among those who see this as a life-or-death struggle for the union. "It's now or never. If this contract doesn't come about, that does it for now and every doggone miner knows that."

Apart from disputes over pay and working hours, the union wants a more secure health and retirement fund. The operators want to exact a penalty from wildcat strikers, who would have to pay into the pension fund the amount that would have been paid in on their behalf had they been working.

The union counters this last proposal with a demand that official strikes should be permissible at individual mines; at present the union can only call a strike nationally.

In brief

State winds up in Bhutto trial

Islamabad, Jan 23.—The prosecution wound up its case today after deciding not to produce 31 more witnesses against Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan who is facing a murder charge before Lahore High Court. Mr Bhutto has boycotted the trial.

Mr Bhutto is the principal *defendant in the trial which* concerns the murder of the father of a dissident politician in November, 1974.

Blow to Gandhi party

Delhi, Jan 23.—The breakaway Congress Party led by Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, has suffered a serious setback with a ruling by India's election commissioner that the cow and calf election symbol would remain with the official Congress Party.

Holden trio freed

Cairo, Jan 23.—Two men and a girl held for questioning about the murder last month of Mr David Holden, The Sunday Times correspondent, have been freed but told not to leave Egypt pending further investigations.

Drug runner to die

Rangoon, Jan 23.—Saw Kaw Li has been sentenced to death for drug trafficking after police found 1,480lb of drugs worth millions of pounds in his house near the Thailand border.

Shot by a dog

Tokyo, Jan 23.—A dog accidentally pulled the trigger of a shotgun with its legs, killing Yukiyasu Yazawa, the 12-year-old son of its owner, while all three were travelling in a car, police said.

New bombing terror

Ankara, Jan 23.—Eight bombs have wrecked a teacher's home, a factory, a grocery store and other buildings in a new wave of terrorist attacks on Turkey's *main cities. No injuries were* reported.

Cairo diplomatic offensive to influence Israel

Continued from page 1

conduct—honourably, decently and freely—negotiations without any prior conditions from either side for the conclusion of peace treaties".

David Watts writes from Cairo: With the Jerusalem political committee talks "frozen" since Cairo's withdrawal last Wednesday, Egypt today laid plans to take its case to the rest of the world through a *diplomatic* offensive in an effort to get Israel to agree to President Sadat's *minimum conditions* for resumption of talks.

The Egyptians are seeking a commitment to withdrawal from occupied lands, notably the Sinai settlements and a form of Palestinian *self-determination before the discussions* can be started again.

Mr Kamal is due to take a delegation on a tour through Europe visiting Mr Callaghan, President Giscard d'Estaing of France, and Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor.

Mr Hosni Mubarak, the Vice-President, will take a delegation to African and Arab capitals, while Mr Sayed Marei, Speaker of the People's Assembly, will go to the United States, according to semi-official sources.

Meanwhile, in reaction to Mr Begin's warning on "anti-semitism" in Egyptian newspapers, Mr Kamal said tonight that the Egyptians were not prejudiced against Jews. Deploring the use of such language in international negotiations, he said: "Nobody could accuse Egyptians of being anti-semitic. We are Semites ourselves."

'Hardline' summit: Arab hardliners opposed to the Egyptian peace initiative will meet at summit level in Algiers before the end of the month, official *sources said in Damascus today.*

Previous attempts to concert policy have foundered on hostility between Iraq and Syria, but there are signs that the two neighbours, ruled by rival factions of the Baath Arab Socialist Party, may be prepared to bury the hatchet.

An Iraqi Embassy spokesman in London reported a significant Iraqi concession—the dropping of the requirement that Syria renounce its acceptance of Resolution 242 as a condition of Iraqi joining the radical front.—Reuter.

Patrick Brogan writes from Washington: Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, who returned from the Middle East last night, said today that the door to peace was still open. "*They are in one of those down* periods one finds in any negotiation", he said. "I believe the parties will pass through this period."

Mr Karamanlis agrees to meet Mr Ecevit

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 23

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, accepted tonight a proposal from Mr Bulent Ecevit, the new Turkish Prime Minister, for a meeting between them and suggested that it should be in the spring.

Mr Karamanlis continues to be sceptical about the Turkish overtures, and before fixing the meeting would like to see the forthcoming Turkish proposals for Cyprus and the re*sult of the February meeting on* the continental shelf.

Jail for attack on Hongkong anti-graft HQ

Hongkong, Jan 23.—Tong Yuk-hing, a former police sergeant, was today sentenced to six months in jail for his part in a mob attack on the headquarters of the Independent Commission Against Corruption last October.

The end of the trial coincided with the decision by a police disciplinary board to dismiss four constables involved in the attack. Five other officers were also disciplined today. One had his rank reduced and the others lost a week's pay.

Mr Tong, who is 38, is the *only* person so far brought to trial in the case. He was convicted of unlawful assembly and assault.

The attack came after some 2,000 policemen staged a march to protest at the investigation methods of the commission, which has been responsible in three years for unearthing corruption in the police force.

A three-man British police unit was flown to Hongkong last week to examine the Hongkong police force and its relations with graft fighters.—Reuter.

Cambodians 'ambushed Thai civilians'

Bangkok, Jan 23.—Cambodian *troops* striking two miles into Thailand ambushed a bus and killed seven Thai civilians in a weekend attack, police sources said today. *Among the dead* were four women and two children, the sources said.

Although fighting on Thailand's frontier with Cambodia *has been smaller than that of* the Vietnamese border, Khmer Rouge attacks have killed more than 100 Thai civilians during the past year, according to official figures.

Thailand has fought back in the attacks only infrequently. At present it is trying to conduct diplomatic negotiations with the Phnom Penh regime. The *Bangkok Post* reported today that Mr Upadit Pachariyangkun, the Foreign Minister, will visit Phnom Penh *soon* to discuss a possible improvement in relations.—UPI.

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Romanian 'drive against minority'

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Jan 23

Mr Karoly Kiraly, a former member of the Romanian Central Committee, has expressed grave concern over the cam*paign to enforce the assimila*tion of the Hungarian ethnic minority in Romania.

In a letter addressed to the party leaders, Mr Kiraly compared their proclaimed ethnic policy with the facts and called on them to carry out the promises made 10 years ago, whereby all nationalities would be guaranteed the exercise of ethnic rights.

Mr Kiraly, a member of the Hungarian minority, has represented them in the National Assembly since 1969.

The letter was written from Transylvania, the western province where, according to official estimates, there were two million ethnic Hungarians living in compact communities.

The Hungarians are the biggest minority *group in* the whole of Europe. But over the past 10 years there have been frequent complaints that their institutions, many of them *several hundred years old*, have been slowly disappearing because of Romania's policy of creating a single, homogeneous ethnic state.

Mr Kiraly's letter said the promise of vocational secondary schools with tuition in the Hungarian language had not *been kept*. Instead "the children are prevented from studying in their mother tongue whereas compulsory teaching of Romanian has now been introduced, even in kindergartens".

In 1976 the Government passed a decree which, Mr Kiraly said, meant in effect the liquidation of Hungarian language colleges in Transylvania. The old Hungarian university at Cluj, the capital of Transylvania, was closed. The institute for medicine was also shut recently.

By a special resolution, a Romanian faculty had been set up at the Hungarian academy for theatrical art which in effect meant the "liquidation of the last little island of education in the Hungarian tongue".

Mr Kiraly listed many instances where people were appointed to head Hungarian institutions although they spoke not a word of Hungarian. Cities with a Hungarian majority—Oradea, Tirgu Mures and others—had recently been made to accept Romanian mayors.

The use of Hungarian at party, trade union and other meetings was being severely curbed, and bilingual notices and road signs in Covasna county had been removed.

Indonesia bans two more newspapers

Jakarta, Jan 23.—The Indonesian Government today closed two Jakarta newspapers, bringing the total of banned dailies to eight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anas Malik, spokesman of the Jakarta military command, said this morning that the ban was ordered to maintain security and order. The two newspapers "have lately been adopting a policy of reporting which tended to incite, directly or indirectly."

The last edition on Saturday of *Pos Sore*, one of the newspapers, appeared with a completely blackened leader page. No explanation was given, but in a small satirical column were the words: "We are ashamed to comment today."—Agence France-Presse.

Polisario claim victory

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Jan 23

The Polisario nationalist *forces of Western Sahara* killed 36 Moroccan soldiers and captured three vehicles and a quantity of small arms in a desert battle near Cape Bojador, a spokesman for the Saharan rebels said in Madrid today.

The attack, last Wednesday, the spokesman went on, was part of "the general offensive on the northern front".

A Polisario communiqué last week warned Spaniards that they might be drawn deeper into the war in the former Spanish colony as a result of a new fishing agreement with Morocco.

"Any commercial or fishing agreement regarding the riches of the Sahara made between countries engaged in aggression against this country will be considered as an aggressive agreement, and as a result it will become a military objective of our liberation army", the communiqué said.

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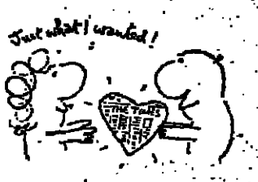
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THE ARTS

Vital pictures absent from Courbet show

Paul Overy

The Courbet show has arrived at the Royal Academy without the two most important paintings, *The Burial at Ornans* and *The Studio*. These pictures which belong to the Louvre are too large and fragile to travel. Also missing are the equally huge *Departure of the Fire Brigade* (quite possibly Courbet's worst painting) and *Fighting Stags: Rutting in Spring* and fifteen smaller works.

The first two paintings are the key to Courbet's whole career and a sad, although seemingly unavoidable loss to the London showing. At the same time they are awkward and intractable paintings—as was the nature of Courbet's genius—and their absence does in fact make the exhibition easier to look at than in Paris and it is better hung too. Five paintings have also been added for the London show which were not seen in Paris.

The missing paintings are illustrated by photographs on the Academy walls and illustrated and discussed in an Appendix to the catalogue. *The Studio* is the subject of a detailed and fascinating "dossier" by Hélène Toussaint of the Département des Peintures du Musée du Louvre, who also wrote the catalogue entries. The catalogue also contains a useful biography by Marie-Thérèse de Forges, Conservateur honoraire des Musées Nationaux. It is a pity that as the English contribution it couldn't have included something by Professor T. J. Clark, whose *Image of the People: Gustave Courbet and the 1848 Revolution* is a major recent contribution to the understanding of Courbet, rather than the anodyne introduction by Alan Bowness.

The first room of the exhibition are dominated by Courbet's self-portraits. They reveal his narcissistic vanity, which remained with him throughout his life, and his youthful good looks, which did not. The most striking of these is the self-portrait known as *Courbet with a Black Dog*. It was the first of his paintings accepted by the Salon, in 1844. It was painted in 1842, when Courbet was 22 or 23. Long haired, very much the pretty boy, smartly dressed in check trousers, dark jacket and broad-rimmed hat, he sits cross-legged in the countryside, his head slightly cocked to one side and looking down his nose at the viewer, trying to look arrogant, but betraying a certain unsureness. The spaniel and walking stick suggest rural pursuits, the large book tucked behind him and the elegant bohemian pipe suggest the intellectual. Although later he seems to have preferred drinking to reading, the pipe never left his mouth and became a personal symbol, part virile, part contemplative. The most famous self-portrait, probably painted in 1849, is known as *The Man with the Pipe*. Courbet holds his head at a similar angle, but the arrogant self-confidence is real now, not the bluster of two-and-twenty. The pipe is firmly stuck into the corner of his mouth. Asked once for a self-portrait, he painted a pipe and wrote below it *"Courbet, sans idéal et sans religion"*.

In later years he avoided portraying himself, no doubt out of vanity. He developed an enormous beer gut from excessive drinking and eating. This and his great hairy face delighted the caricaturists. Huge and self-assured he posed for the photographers like a prize bull, pipe always in hand. Zola wrote in his notes for *L'Oeuvre*, "the monster puffed up with his own personality, unself-critical, who has become God: Courbet, Hugo". As a student at Besançon College, Courbet had moved into a room in the house where Hugo had been born in 1802. There were a good deal of similarities between the two men, as Zola observed.

He did paint one late self-portrait, of himself incarcerated in the Sainte-Pélagie prison in Paris for his part in the pulling down of the Vendôme column during the Commune. His thinness was no doubt accurate enough, the result of his deprivations in prison. But he did not paint the greying hair and grizzled beard which those present at his trial had remarked. Photographs taken after his release show him to have gone completely white. (The portrait was probably painted a few years afterwards.) In 1869 he had painted a copy of a self-portrait by Rembrandt done in middle age. It is a brilliant work, a reinterpretation rather than a copy, but he did not paint himself with Rembrandt's candour.

Louis Napoleon, then Prince-President, wanted to buy *The Man with the Pipe* himself, but credit restrictions finally prevented him from doing so. Three years later when he sold it to his friend, the banker Bruvas, Courbet wrote: "I am delighted that you should have my portrait.... When I was desperately poor I still had the courage to refuse Napoleon's offer of 2,000 francs." There is no reason to doubt Courbet's socialist convictions, for which he was made to suffer greatly after the Commune, although he seems to have exaggerated his role in the 1848 revolution. His attitude towards Napoleon III, however, appears equivocal. In 1849 when Napoleon was still Prince-President, Courbet accepted a medal from him and returned to Ornans a successful man, but in 1870 he turned down the Legion of Honour.

Hélène Toussaint convincingly argues that the well-dressed hunter with two dogs



The Corn Sifters

seated on the left of *The Studio* is Louis Napoleon as the master of Europe. She suggests that he is represented as a poacher, but as I pointed out when reviewing the Paris show he appears to be wearing the cap and uniform that French gamekeepers wear to this day. It seems possible that Courbet may well have admired Louis Napoleon in his first years as dictator (he had published a social pamphlet in his years at Hum) just as many intelligent Italians admired Mussolini in his first years of rule. But even given Mde Toussaint's identification of the various figures in *The Studio*, Courbet's position remains ambiguous. And even if Napoleon is represented as gamekeeper rather than poacher it is arguable that Courbet as a socialist would be opposed to gamekeepers. At any rate the Emperor does not seem to have been worried. On Courbet's police file appear the words "Noisy but not dangerous."

The identification of the Emperor with some kind of hunter does, however, have significance for Courbet's later paintings of hunted stags (several of which are included at the Academy) which are often dismissed as commercial work to supply a fashionable market. In fact these are amongst his most remarkable works. The dead, dying, or hunted-down deer are presented with the greatest pathos, innocent victims of some terrible external force they do not understand. The irony is that Courbet himself was a keen huntsman. In *The Quarry*, *A Deerhunt in the Forests of the Grand Jura*, the figure with folded arms leaning with his back to a tree beside a slaughtered deer hung up by its hind legs is supposed to be a self-portrait. Certainly the figure is smoking a pipe, but his moustaches are those of the Emperor. *The German Huntsman* is thought to be a record of a hunting trip Courbet made to Germany. But could not the top-hatted hunter be a reference to William I who even in 1859 (when this picture was painted) could have been foreseen as a threat to the people of France?

There are some marvellous paintings amongst Courbet's later work. There are also some extremely bad ones. Almost every year he returned to his native region of the Franche-Comté, near the Swiss border. Nobody could paint the green of a landscape like Courbet: a deep welcoming green which seems to draw the eye into it and against which are set so often the long, grey-white horizontal backdrop of the cliffs near Ornans—inland cliffs which drop down into a sea of green. (And in his late works Courbet could paint the sea wonderfully too.) *The Corn Sifters* where Courbet depicts the kneeling peasant girl with such obvious, yet slyly concealed sensuality, albeit that she is thought to have been modelled on one of his sisters.

The much more open sensuality of the two girls entwined in sleep *The Sleepers*; the symbolic juxtapositions of naked women and water *The Source* and *Woman in the Waves*, and the enigmatic *Young Ladies on the Banks of the Seine in Summer. Siesta at Haymaking Time (Mountains of the Doubs)* is a rural idyll, unique in Courbet's *oeuvre*, so green and rich and calm it takes one's breath away. And who could paint the appleness of apples like Courbet? Or the troutness of freshly caught trout? His is a materialist vision of quite extraordinary intensity. There is no suggestion of anything beyond the world. (Courbet was certainly *sans religion* if not *sans idéal*.) But the world is depicted with a power that has no equal in nineteenth century painting.

The exhibition continues until March 19. The catalogue is very full and good value at £4. There is also a useful illustrated broadsheet for 30p.

Alec McCowen
Riverside Studios, Hammersmith

John Higgins

The last prop to be used by Alec McCowen in his Sunday evening narrations at the Riverside Studios is a pocket-size edition of St Mark's Gospel, price 6p. From its final page Mr McCowen bids his audience "Amen" and leaves them to find their way home. For the rest of the time it sits on the table, an unused *aide-memoire*.

McCowen knows St Mark's story by heart and he tells it from the heart, while never exposing that heart too much. He is not a demonstrative actor. Now that the two hours' traffic on the Riverside stage is his and his alone, he underplays with finely controlled delicacy. Others have made the Gospels pulpit-ponderous or popular prosaic: Alec McCowen gently savours the words in the King James version and he is well aware that the tale he has to tell is unsurpassed.

The manner of his Mark is relaxed and confidential. Mark's account of the ministry is probably not first-hand, yet it presumes to be: the work of a first-class reporter who knows what was going on whether he was on the spot or not. McCowen's touch is feather-light with a minimum of physical demonstration. The chairs might be banged during the cleansing of the temple or the sand shaken from the feet as Jesus steps on to the shore of Galilee, but that is all. There is carefully encouraged laughter, which might have been expected at the account of the Gadarene swine but scarcely at Salome's demands.

It is no more than a ripple and is quickly stilled.

The cadences, the pauses, the timing see to that. Speech and attitudes are suggested in a manner of seconds. Although for the next three Sundays the tongues are those of men and of angels the ultimate voice is that of Alec McCowen. And marvellously judged it is.

Kreuzberger Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell

The final visitors in the New Era International Concert Society's German Week at Wigmore Hall were the Kreuzberger String Quartet, formed in 1971, who played an attractively unstereotyped programme of Janacek, Haydn and Schumann.

Whereas Janacek's second quartet, *Intimate letters*, is no stranger, its predecessor, the *Kreutzer*, is much less often heard. Every bar is laden, and the work brought the best out of this responsive young team. The fluctuating moods, the swift surges of passion and the lyrical ecstasy and nostalgia, were caught in flexible phrasing and subtly varied colour. Even if no member of the group had outsize tone to call on, conversational exchanges were close enough and sufficiently well balanced to compensate for lack of sheer weight.

Schumann was represented by his third quartet in A, the best of the three, in a happy blend of romance and formal cunning. Here there were some lapses of intonation, most noticeably from first violin and cello. But again the feeling was warm, with nicely judged rubato in the first movement, and some beautifully woven inner detail in the Adagio of the variation movement. Definition of rhythm could nevertheless have been stronger in the presentation of the theme itself here. Ties and slurs were allowed to defeat their own ends.

From Haydn they chose the first of the mighty Op 76 set. Nothing was better than its noble Adagio, sustained with apt devotional fervour. The Finale's minor-major key contrasts also elicited lively imaginative response. Teamwork was again wholly reliable, though the players could still probably listen to themselves a little more self-critically as individuals.

Second-hand but good

Lindsay Quartet
St John's/Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

The first thing to be said about Andre Tchaikowsky's *Second String Quartet*, which had its premiere in yesterday's BBC lunchtime concert by the Lindsay Quartet, is that it does not sound like the work of a pianist. Aiming at dramatically alive textures with an abundance of solo interest and variety of colour, Mr Tchaikowsky has composed a work which is certainly string quartet music. Equally certainly it is a tightly made piece. It seizes the attention, even if its style is in many respects secondhand.

The central movement, a passacaglia, was apparently stimulated by the example in Shostakovich's *Sixth Quartet*, and that composer is not often far away from the music. Other influences are to be found in the opening sonata movement and the finale, notably those of Bartok and of Berg's *Lyric Suite*. With that work, particularly, Mr Tchaikowsky's quartet shares its fierce energy and its highly-strung harmonic manner.

Yet the ingredients have been well mastered. The pizzicato cello base to the passacaglia picks up neatly from the first movement at the moment when its anxieties have been worked out, and the gradually accelerating finale pursues a hard-pressed course back to the subject matter of the opening. Neither here, nor in the rest of the quartet, does Mr Tchaikowsky relax his grip on the motivic units which power his argument.

I suspect that the Lindsay enjoy playing this kind of almost histrionic music, for they gave the piece a performance of passionate intensity. Difficulties arose only when they tried to apply something of the same style to Beethoven's *E flat quartet opus 74*. Peter Cropper, the leader, assumed a wild stridency in the upper register, and the quick movements were all to hectically driven. There were no accidents, but I prefer a performance which never suggests that there could be

LSO/Previn
Festival Hall

William Mann

Richard Strauss's *Alpine Symphony* is unlikely to become staple orchestral fare: it is costly to perform, intricate to prepare, and supposedly less admirable as musical poetry than, say, *Don Quixote*. The principal themes are perhaps somewhat commonplace; the poetic idea, the ascent and descent of a mountain in the Bavarian Alps where Strauss built his home, although quite valid, is explored in such detail that the long symphonic line tends to be chopped up: yet the final impression is likely to be truly symphonic.

If not the finest Strauss, the *Alpine Symphony* remains a brilliant and greatly enjoyable musical experience. A large audience, on South Bank, was plainly delighted that André Previn and the London Symphony Orchestra had taken the trouble to revive it. I for one hope they will perform it together many times here and elsewhere.

Entertaining, and technically challenging, as the manipulation of the many vividly painted episodes must be, Mr Previn firmly refused to lose sight of the work as an integer. Later he will surely bring more detail into focus; for the moment one may be content that the moods, and so much of the masterly orchestral textures, as well as the symphonic thread, could be appreciated strongly, as was the LSO's generous, splendidly sonorous response.

Young Krystian Zimerman, after last week's delicately refined Chopin, returned to play Rachmaninov's first piano concerto. This time he let himself go, to display the fire and power of his pianism. I thought his rapid bravura passage work too soft-grained for the clean articulation implied (and audible in the composer's playing of such passages); some might consider his reading too fulsome, though I warmed to the sincere enthusiasm as, in all three movements, to his honest unfolding of new melodies and their pianistic setting. His boldness gave indication of his range and imagination as a pianist, already brilliant but still in the making.

The Divine Flame
Purcell Room

Paul Griffiths

I feel kindly disposed to any, or almost any, attempt at some alternative to the conventional concert, but I must admit to some misgivings after experiencing *The Divine Flame*, a "biographical impression" of the young Scriabin. Devised by Paul Chand, this weekend entertainment used various of the composer's earlier piano works to illustrate a semi-dramatic presentation of his life up to 1903. Here were Michael Ferrand as the eager young artist, Mary Yeomans doubling as his aunt and his wife, and Peter Baldwin acting both as master of ceremonies and as Scriabin's publisher and virtual owner Mitrofan Belaiev. These three, dressed in something approximating to period costume, were there to tell us of Scriabin's first love (cue for music), his conquering of Paris as a pianist-composer (cue for music), his path towards creative ecstacy (you get the idea).

Now I do not doubt that Mr Chand constructed his story with care. He made intelligent use of the correspondence, and he created characters with life in them. His Belaiev, thanks to a superbly assured performance by Mr Baldwin, came across as a jealous, eternal taskmaster, a Diaghilev with the kid gloves off. Yet the final result was a romanticized biography of the kind occasionally to be heard on Radio 4, and better suited to the medium of broadcasting than to the concert platform.

The thing might have gained some dramatic power if Mr Ferrand had played "his" composition, but as it was the music was kept quite separate and entrusted to Christian Blackshaw. It was perhaps a little unfair to expect him to emulate the comments being made about the elegance, colour and persuasive power of Scriabin's own playing, or to give a good account of music which had just been damned as nothing but Chopin. He was not, however, to be intimidated. The subtle characters of the brief prelude and studies were nicely caught, and the fourth Sonata, given a grand finale and promise of things to come, had a performance of leaping boldness and passion. Here at last was the real Scriabin.

New work for Dame Marie's birthday

During its two-week season at Sadler's Wells, from March 6 to March 18, Ballet Rambert will be presenting an entirely new work by Christopher Bruce and London premieres of works by Glen Tetley Zoltan Imre and Sara Sugibara.

In celebration of Dame Marie Rambert's 90th birthday on February 20 and of the 150th anniversary of Schubert's death, Christopher Bruce has created a joyful pure dance work to Schubert's *Wanderer Fantasy*. The piece is designed by Nadine Bayliss and will be given its world premiere at Sadler's Wells on March 9.

The new work by Glen Tetley, which is sponsored by Tootal Limited, will be given its London premiere on March 6. Set to an early String Quartet by Anton Webern and with designs by Nadine Baylis, the work will be first performed at the Opera Theatre of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on January 31. It will be Tetley's eighth work for Ballet Rambert and the first new one to be created by him on a British company since 1972.

Zoltan Imre's latest piece for the company is to be given its London premiere on March 9, after its first performance at the Theatr Clwyd, Mold, on February 14. Taking as its starting point, the Greek statue of Laocoon, Imre's work is said to offer an unusual, and often amusing, modern perspective on a familiar Greek legend. Set to a sound collage devised by Carlos Miranda, and with designs by Nadine Baylis, it will be his fourth work for the company.

Sleeping Birds, by Sara Sugihara, was first given in Birmingham in September, but its first performance in London will be on March 13. Set to a collage from Brahms Horn Trio and with designs by Nadine Baylis, *Sleeping Birds* is a pure dance work which explores the contrast between motion and stillness.

●Some of the reviews on this page appeared in later editions of Monday's newspaper.

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SPORT

Cricket

And so an eastern veil descends over this travesty of a game

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Karachi, Jan 23

The series between England and Pakistan ended here this afternoon in stalemate. Starting the day at 114 for one in their second innings, which meant that they were 99 runs ahead with five hours and a half remaining, England batted right until the close, on a pitch of awful slowness. In 51 overs today, which took four hours and a half to bowl (the captains agreed to forgo the last hour), another 107 runs were made. It was, in a word, a travesty of the game.

When the first Test match began in Lahore, Pakistan were the more apprehensive side; when the last one finished today England were, though it was a close thing. What positive cricket there has been has come from Pakistan, mostly from Haroon, who is a real find, Miandad, all impudence and instinct, and Abdul Qadir, whose leg-spin bowling has presented fresh and stimulating problems. Had Wasim Bari been less cautious with his declaration in Pakistan's second innings in the second Test match, they might very well have won it. As it is, they still await their first victory over England in Pakistan.

Although they are much the more experienced cricketers, it has seemed to me that England have missed their Packer players more than Pakistan. No more than 5,000 Pakistanis play any form of organized cricket (there is none at all in the villages); yet they make such natural players that the best of them take easily enough to Test cricket, at any rate in their own country. Their fielding, like England's has been extraordinarily good. The catch with which Miandad dismissed Boycott this morning deserved a full house, not an empty one. The rest of the cricket deserved a veil.

In England this summer, because of the more varied conditions, the young Pakistanis will feel the absence of their Packer players, assuming they are not selected, more than they have here. England, on the other hand, will be a stiffer proposition with Willis, Lever, Old and Hendrick a force again. What Pakistan cricket needs and deserves are faster pitches. Boycott's comment this morning that "We might get a game of cricket in New Zealand" was aimed at the pitches in Pakistan. It is too easy, though, always to make them the excuse for dull cricket. They are bad for the game, certainly, but so is the fear of losing. The fact that Test matches in Pakistan last for only 27 hours and a half, rather than the 30 hours in England and Australia, is something else which needs putting right. If anything, they should last for a longer, not a shorter, time.

For England the one gain of the tour so far has been Edmonds's bowling here in Karachi. He is such a gifted cricketer, being a fine fielder and a potentially good batsman as well as a bowler, that in theory he should never look out of place in a Test match. Taylor, of course, has kept wicket beautifully, and Willis and Lever have had their moments, as did Miller in Lahore. The batting has been one long struggle. Boycott says he intends to give Gatting and Radley early opportunities for finding form in New Zealand. In Pakistan, Gatting (leg-before this afternoon to a full toss), Downton and Botham have had wretchedly few chances. So has Hendrick, but as often as not he has been ill.

Tomorrow, after an early breakfast, the party leave for Auckland, there to play a different game going by the same name. The faster bowlers will come back into their own; the pitches will be greener, the weather greyer, the crowds less boisterous. There is a job to be done there off the field as well as on it.

The last day's cricket in Pakistan may be dismissed in a paragraph. By making only eight in the first 50 minutes this morning, and batting four hours and a quarter for 56, Boycott showed a complete disregard for the obligations there were to try to make a game of it. Wasim Bari was no better; neither were the umpires, who allowed the game to resume seven minutes late. For the first hour and a half Pakistan used only their two fast bowlers, simply to keep the over rate down. The first Test match I watched here ended in a riot, the second in a dust-storm, and this third one in utter boredom, with England batting to the bitter end.

ENGLAND: First innings, 266 (G. R. J. Roope 56; Abdul Qadir 4 for 81)

Second innings

G. Boycott, c Miandad, b Sikander	56
B. C. Rose, c Haroon, b Qadir	18
D. W. Randall, b Sikander	55
G. R. J. Roope, not out	33
M. W. Gatting, l-b-w, b Qasim	6
G. Miller, c Wasim Bari, b Qasim	3
R. W. Taylor, not out	18
Extras (n-b 15, b 9, l-b 6, w 3)	33
Total (five wkts)	222

P. Edmonds, G. Cope, J. Lever and R. D. G. Willis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—35, 2—125, 3—148, 4—162, 5—171.

BOWLING: Sarfraz, 28—7—57—0; Sikander, 17—4—40—2; Qasim, 28—11—51—2; Qadir, 8—2—26—1; Mudassar, 1—0—1—0; Miandad, 2—0—5—0; Shafique, 1—0—1—0; Wasim Bari, 1—0—2—0; Haroon, 1—0—3—0; Mohsin, 1—0—3—0.

PAKISTAN: First innings, 281 (Mudassar Nazar 76; P. H. Edmonds seven for 66)

Final averages for Pakistan-England Test match series

Pakistan batting

	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
Javed Miandad	5	3	262	88*	131.00
Haroon Rashid	5	1	337	122	84.25
Mudassar Nazar	5	0	309	114	61.80
Wasim Raja	4	0	95	47	23.75
Shafique Ahmed	5	1	57	27*	14.25
Sadiq Mohammad	4	0	50	22	12.50
Abdul Qadir	3	0	36	21	12.00
Wasim Bari	3	0	33	17	11.00
Iqbal Qasim	3	1	16	8*	8.00

ALSO BATTED: Mohsin Khan 44; Liaquat Ali 0* and 0; Sikandar Bakht 3 and 7*; Sarfraz Nawaz 0 and 0.
*Not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
Wasim Raja	36.6	10	68	3	22.66
Abdul Qadir	132	31	305	12	25.41
Iqbal Qasim	159.4	60	260	10	26.00
Sarfraz Nawaz	77	24	152	5	30.40
Sikandar Bakht	48	15	136	3	45.33

ALSO BOWLED: Liaquat Ali, 37—12—75—1; Javed Miandad, 11—0—34—0; Mudassar Nazar, 1—0—1—0; Shafique Ahmed, 1—0—1—0; Wasim Bari, 1—0—3—0; Haroon Rashid, 1—0—3—0; Mohsin Khan, 1—0—3—0.

England batting

	Inns	NO.	Runs	HS	Avge
G. Boycott	5	1	329	100*	82.25
G. Miller	4	1	117	98*	39.00
J. M. Brearley	3	0	114	74	38.00
G. R. J. Roope	4	1	109	56	36.33
R. W. Taylor	4	1	86	36	28.66
D. W. Randall	4	0	104	55	26.00
J. K. Lever	4	2	37	33*	18.50
B. C. Rose	4	0	56	27	14.00
R. G. D. Willis	3	1	27	11	13.50
G. A. Cope	3	0	40	22	13.33
P. H. Edmonds	2	0	10	6	5.00

ALSO BATTED: C. M. Old 2; M. W. Gatting 5 and 6.
*Not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
Edmonds	87	15	336	10	33.60
Willis	59	8	190	7	27.14
Cope	108	29	277	8	34.62
Lever	67.6	14	195	4	48.75
Miller	72	15	263	4	65.75

ALSO BOWLED: Old, 26—7—81—1; Boycott, 3—0—1—0; Randall, 1—0—2—0; Roope, 1—0—5—0.

Australians gain verdict with superior run rate

Melbourne, Jan 23.—An Australian XI beat a World XI on a run-rate basis after torrential rain washed out the final stages of their World Series Cricket match here tonight. Australia, sent into bat by Greig, scored 193 for nine off 38 overs after the number of overs was reduced from 40 because of 18 minutes' play lost through rain this afternoon.

Shortly after 10 pm local time, however a storm broke, flooding parts of the ground and sending the players and most of the 10,000 spectators sprinting for cover. The World XI were 138 for nine off 29.1 overs and it was soon announced that play had been abandoned. Under WSC rules Australia won by virtue of a superior run rate—5.07 an over compared with the World XI's 4.70.

On balance, the Australians deserved their victory, due largely to the sustained accuracy of their fast and medium-paced quintet—Pascoe, Malone, Walters, Walker and Gilmour. Pascoe and Malone dismissed Richards and Amiss for ducks with the score on one.

SCORES: Australian XI, 193 for 9 (38 overs) (I. Davis 50; D. Underwood 3 for 48); World XI, 138 for 9 (29.1 overs) (A. Iqbal 59; G. Gilmour 3 for 41, M. Walker 3 for 50).—Reuter.

CASTRIES (St Lucia): Shell Shield: Barbados, 315 (G. Armstrong 93, D. Haynes 79, T. Foster 62; D. Parry 7 for 100) and 162 for nine; Combined Islands, 294 (D. Parry 96, I. Shillingford 87).

JOHANNESBURG: Currie Cup: Eastern Province 260 for nine (C. Wilkins 61, R. Armitage 57, D. Brickett 47, R. Hanley four for 59); v Transvaal. Match abandoned (rain).

Rain thwarts all but Vengsarkar

Geelong, Jan 23.—The Indian cricketers' hopes of a win to boost their morale before the decisive fifth and final Test against Australia later this week were thwarted by rain here today. On the third and final day of their three-day match, a Geelong District XI, set to score 334 to win in 285 minutes, were 37 for no wicket when the rain came down.

The Indians, 153 for one overnight, declared at 214 without further loss after Vengsarkar had completed his century. The undefeated batsman was Gavaskar on 42.

SCORES: Indians 257 for 7 dec (B. Patel 105, A. Gaekwad 81) and 214 for 1 dec (D. Vengsarkar 100 not out, C. Chauhan 70); Geelong District 137 (S. Venkataraghavan 4 for 34, E. Prasanna 4 for 29) and 37 for 0. Match drawn.—Reuter.

Hockey

West maintain sequence of away victories

By Joyce Whitehead

Midlands 2 West 3

In contrast to the territorial match in Newquay, West beat Midlands 3—2 by scoring all their goals in the second half at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall yesterday. Apart from the first 10 minutes when Horley, the Midlands right half, seemed to be the only barrier between the West and the goal, Midlands had sufficient attacking chances to have built up a safe lead. Instead, it took them 24 minutes before Grimley, unmarked, scored from a well-taken cross pass by Readman. It was the only score in the first half.

The second half was a different story. The West, in which Tippin at centre half was a key pivot, built up their attacks and, helped by loose marking and a wide open goal, they scored three times. Slocombe shot the first, then Tippin scored from a hand-stopped corner by Franks and, later, Slocombe scooped a well-controlled shot over the goalkeeper's head from another of Franks's hand stops.

The Midlands had their moments but, at their many corners, they passed the ball about the circle and lost it before shooting. The partnership of the right wing pair, Flanagan and Gordon, always threatened danger and Gordon deserved her goal for the Midlands in the 34th minute. So determined was she to score that she fell into the goal with the ball. It was the fourth territorial match in the championship series of 10 and, strangely, it was the fourth away win. Tomorrow South play North at 2.0 on the cricket ground at Guildford.

MIDLANDS: S. Lloyd (Warwickshire); S. Nicholl (Bedfordshire), R. Beacham (Northamptonshire), L. Hurley (Leicestershire), J. Freeman (Leicestershire), R. Hawes (Warwickshire), M. Flanagan (Warwickshire), K. Gordon (Leicestershire), P. Readman (Leicestershire), J. Swinnerton (Staffordshire), M. Grimley (Leicestershire).

WEST: B. Hall (Wiltshire); J. Burrows (Gloucestershire), R. Squires (Devon), S. Franks (Somerset), J. Tippin (Devon), S. Dredge (Somerset), J. Walsh (Dorset), J. Watkins (Somerset), S. Slocombe (Somerset), J. Brown (Gloucestershire), A. Stephens (Somerset).

Umpires: W. Heath and M. Eyre.

Ice hockey

WORLD ASSOCIATION: New England Whalers 6, Quebec Nordiques 3; Cincinnati Stingers 5, Edmonton Oilers 4; Houston Aeros 4, Birmingham Bulls 3; Indianapolis Racers 5, Winnipeg Jets 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, New York Rangers 1; Atlanta Flames 4, Minnesota North Stars 3; Detroit Red Wings 6, Washington Capitals 3; Chicago Black Hawks 3, St Louis Blues 1; Vancouver Canucks 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; Cleveland Barons 3, Boston Bruins 2.

Golf

Floyd's six-foot birdie putt at last hole stops rot

Pebble Beach, California, Jan 23.—Raymond Floyd scored a birdie at the final hole to share the lead with the defending champion, Tom Watson, on 211, five under par, after three rounds of the Bing Crosby national pro-amateur golf tournament. Watson, the leading money winner in 1977, toured the course in a steady one-under-par 71.

David Graham, of Australia, after a 69 on the Pebble Beach golf links, closed to within one shot of the leaders in a group that also included Dave Stockton, Tom Weiskopf and Michael Morley. One shot farther back were Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw, Gibby Gilbert, Andy North, Don Bies and Tom McGinnis.

Jack Nicklaus, a three-time winner of this title, turned in the day's finest round a six-under-par 66 but was six shots off the lead at 217. He opened this tournament with a 77 and followed with a 74 in the second round.

Floyd held the lead late in the round, but dropped a stroke at three successive holes when he took three putts at the 15th and 17th and was short of the 16th green with his second shot; but a six-foot birdie putt at the 18th stopped the rot.

THIRD ROUND: 211, R. Floyd, 70, 69, 72; T. Watson, 66, 74, 71. 212: D. Graham (Australia), 71, 72, 69; T. Weiskopf 70, 71, 71; D. Stockton, 72, 71, 69; M. Morley, 71, 73, 68. 213: H. Irwin, 69, 70, 74; D. Bies, 70, 70, 73; G. Gilbert, 70, 71, 72; A. North, 74, 70, 69; T. McGinnis, 69, 70, 74; B. Crenshaw, 69, 71, 73. 214: H. Green, 69, 71, 74. 215: A. Bean, 72, 70, 73; G. Burns, 71, 71, 73. Other foreign scores: 216: B. Devlin (Australia), 76, 70, 70. 217: A. Jacklin (GB), 74, 70, 73; B. Cole (South Africa), 73, 71, 73. 220: G. Marsh (Australia), 76, 74, 70. 223: M. Pinero (Spain), 73, 72, 78. 225: R. Shearer (Australia), 77, 74, 74. 228: T. Horton (GB), 77, 74, 77. 229: V. Barrios (Spain), 78, 78, 73. 231: D. Hayes (South Africa), 74, 76, 81. 232: T. Nakajima (Japan), 78, 76, 78.—Reuter.

Olympic Games

Political issues on agenda at Tunis meeting

Tunis, Jan 23.—International Olympic bodies today began a four-day working session here with their eyes set on the full International Olympic Committee session next May in Athens when sites for the 1984 Games will be selected.

Other scheduled Olympic events are also being prepared here, and the Tripartite Commission today devoted their attention to the preparation of the Olympic congress, which will take place in Baden-Baden in 1981.

During their two-day session, the Tripartite Commission, formed by representatives of the IOC, national Olympic committees and international federations of individual sports, will give considerable attention to various political problems.

IOC sources said the Tripartite Commission will review the relations of international and national Olympic bodies with governments and governmental organizations. The IOC have often deplored interference of politics in the organization of Olympic sports.

The Tripartite Commission, and later the IOC executive commission, will discuss a document in which the Olympic movement would set out a basic position of all Olympic groups on how to check political interference and possibly on how to react to it. IOC sources said work on what has already been called "a manifesto" would continue here, but it cannot be approved until Athens.

Chinese people urged to 'run like a hurdler'

From David Bonavia
Hongkong, Jan 23

The Chinese have been exhorted to "run like a hurdler" to catch up with world standards in sports and athletics. The official journal of physical culture in Peking has said: "The development of world sporting techniques is very fast. If we want to catch up, we cannot maintain the same distance. We must race against time and go faster and faster."

The journal accused the former "radical" group around the late chairman, Mao Tse-tung, of having damaged sports and physical culture in China by not emphasizing technique sufficiently. "We cannot walk in the manner of a woman with bound feet", it said. "We must run like a hurdler. We must fly through the air and cover three steps in two strides."

At present China maintains world mastery only in table tennis, but many other modern sports are gaining greater popularity.

Simmons and Foster beaten by American

Lisbon, Jan 23.—Greg Neyer, of the United States, won the invitation "almond blossom" cross-country event over 10,000 metres at Vilamoura on the Algarve coast yesterday in 29min 44.4sec. Tony Simmons and Brendan Foster, of Britain, were second and third respectively in 30min 2.5sec and 30min 11.1sec.—Reuter.

Football



Haslam and Craig: Filling vacancies at Sheffield and Villa.

Villa relying on Craig to lift them back

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Aston Villa, who have suffered a wretched season of injuries and fallen ambitions, yesterday paid Newcastle United £250,000 for Tommy Craig, a 27-year-old Scottish international midfield player. Negotiations were carried out quickly and quietly behind the smokescreen of publicity raised by the proposed moves to Manchester United of McQueen and Francis, of Leeds United and Queen's Park Rangers respectively.

A meeting between the Manchester United manager, Dave Sexton, and his Leeds counterpart, Jimmy Armfield, was called off last night. It was understood that United's last offer for McQueen was in the region of £350,000. Mr Armfield said: "As far as I am concerned there has been no change in the situation. We have had no fresh offers from United and there are no plans for reopening negotiations."

Villa's signing of Craig, who was recently relieved of the captaincy at Newcastle, involved them in a record fee but with Cropley injured they were in need of reinforcement. Craig will not be able to play for them in the forthcoming Uefa Cup tie against Barcelona but should help them overcome the disappointment of not progressing since they were fourth in the championship last season and won the League Cup.

Of those who have an eye on this season's championship but realize that everything depends on whether Nottingham Forest make several mistakes, none has better strength in depth than Manchester City who play Forest on Saturday in the FA Cup. Indeed, such are their resources that they can think of releasing Tueart, one of the best wingers in Europe, and have difficulty in finding room for Channon who was, until recently, a regular England forward. Their manager, Tony Book, is rich in problems of selection as his candidates prepare for tonight's Football League Cup quarter-final round replay with Arsenal at Highbury.

Channon, being a placid person, has not made loud protests at being left out of the team but Mr Book may feel it politic to make him substitute tonight. The dangers of changing a winning team are obvious. Mr Book says Channon appreciates the situation.

Since the absorbing first meeting at Maine Road last week when superb goalkeeping by Jennings stopped City from scoring in a second half they dominated, Arsenal have lost at Nottingham Forest in a league match. This may have some effect on their confidence but the youngsters in the side have matured so much under Don Howe's guidance that there is reason to expect another fine tie.

Much depends on whether the Arsenal full backs can cope with Barnes and Tueart. If Kidd receives good service from them and, of course, from Bell, he will enjoy proving that Arsenal were wrong to let him return to Manchester.

Arsenal have no injury troubles but will make one change from the team who played on Saturday because Sunderland is cup-tied. Matthews replaced him at Maine Road and does so tonight. History favours Arsenal to reach the semi-final round against Liverpool; Manchester City have won only once at Highbury in 15 years. Against that, City have won seven and drawn one of their last eight matches.

Haslam steps into vacant seat at Sheffield United

Sheffield United, without a manager since Jimmy Sirrell left in September, have appointed Harry Haslam of Luton Town, as his successor. Mr Haslam, aged 55, has been the target of Manchester United, as chief scout, and Millwall, as manager, in recent weeks but seemed to have decided to stay with Luton. Earlier this month, the Luton board met to discuss his future and a possible new contract.

No decision was announced but it seemed that Mr Haslam had decided to stay with the club he joined in 1972. Mr Haslam agreed to sign a new four-year contract. "I did not really want to leave Luton but I felt that I had to secure the future for my wife and family," he said at the time.

Cec Coldwell, the trainer and a former Sheffield United player, has been in charge of playing affairs since Mr Sirrell returned to his previous club, Notts County. At first he met with considerable success, but three successive five-goal defeats forced the board into making a new appointment.

Mr Haslam, one of the most jovial characters in the game, was a non-League manager for 14 years before moving to Luton in 1969 as entertainments officer. His scouting ability—Macdonald, Rioch and Givens were among his discoveries—soon brought him back into the football side of the business.

He was appointed as manager when Alec Stock resigned in 1972 and took them to the first division two years later, but they were relegated the following season. Two years ago Luton were faced with debts of over £700,000 but, by careful buying and selling, he kept them in existence and in the promotion race, cutting the debt to about £½m.

Mr Haslam, who will officially take over at Sheffield on Thursday, siad that he was "very sad" to be leaving Luton. "Sheffield United were given permission to approach me and I had a meeting with them yesterday. I enjoyed my stay at Luton but things have not been going smoothly for the past couple of months and I have come to the conclusion that it would be wise to accept Sheffield's offer.

"I will stay with Luton until the match against Italy's under-21 team on Wednesday night." Luton's chairman, Denis Mortimer, refused to comment on Mr Haslam's appointment. He said that, at this stage, Luton had no one in mind to take over as manager, although Eddie McCreadie, formerly a manager of Chelsea, is the current favourite.

Luton's chief coach, David Pleat, has been offered the job of manager in place of Mr Haslam. But Mr Haslam has asked him to join him as a coach at Sheffield United and Pleat has promised to make a decision by Thursday. As a player, Pleat was a right winger, capped by England at schoolboy and youth level. He played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming player-manager of Nuneaton.

Sheffield's chairman, John Hassell, said that his board had been unanimous in the appointment of Mr Haslam. "When he arrives on Thursday, he will discuss with Cec Coldwell the future set-up here and we will be making a further statement after that.

Asked if the recent scores had pushed the board into appointing a new manager, Mr Hassell said: "The club's position has never changed. We advertised for an experienced man to take over here and we have appointed an experienced man."

Bolton forced to wait for advertisements

A Football League stipulation has held up a move by Bolton Wanderers to become the first League team to display advertising on their shirts. Plans have been finalised to carry the advert of Lada, Russian car makers.

The Football Association have agreed to the lettering being worn. But a League ruling that players' contracts need to be renegotiated before the adverts can be worn means that the club will now have to wait until the start of next season.

Bolton are poised for promotion to the first division and club officials feel that it is not possible to sort out all the contracts at this stage of the season. The deal is believed to include the use of a Lada car for every player in the first team party and the club will benefit by about £90,000 over three years.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

LEAGUE CUP: Fifth round replay: Arsenal v Manchester City.
FOURTH DIVISION: Darlington v Rochdale.
FA TROPHY: First round replay: Bangor City v Scarborough.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hornchurch v Ilford.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Kingstonian v Worthing; Leytonstone v Tooting and Mitcham; Maidenhead v Southall; Slough v Woking; Wycombe Wanderers v Staines.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Banbury v Grantham.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division, north: Cambridge City v King's Lynn.
RUGBY UNION: Bristol v Royal Navy.

Keegan's punch earns him count of eight

Hamburg, Jan 23.—Kevin Keegan, the England international footballer was suspended for eight matches today for punching an opponent in a friendly game on New Year's Eve. Kegan, aged 26, transferred from the European champions, Liverpool, to Hamburg, a West German first division side, last summer for a fee of £500,000, will be barred from league football until the end of next month.

He was ordered off the field on December 31 after only a few minutes' play in a match against an amateur team, VFB Luebeck. Keegan, a former captain of the English national side, admitted striking an opponent whom he said had repeatedly fouled him.

Under West German football federation (DFB) rules, all players sent off are given an automatic eight-match suspension while the DFB decides whether to impose a stiffer penalty. Keegan has therefore been out of Hamburg's team since the start of this year. He did not appear personally before the DFB

A wanted man

Nottingham Forest are the latest club to watch Paul Randall, of Bristol Rovers, who has scored 10 goals in 17 games. "I don't want to sell and would not recommend the board even to accept £100,000", Bobby Campbell, the Rovers manager, said.

Rugby Union

Duggan may be back for France match

Willie Duggan, the Ireland and British Lions No 8, who damaged his left shoulder in the win over Scotland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, is likely to be fit for Ireland's next match, against France in Paris on February 18.

Duggan was examined by an orthopaedic specialist in Dublin, yesterday afternoon and his injury has been diagnosed as a damaged ligament and possible aggravation of an old shoulder injury. He is likely to be out for about three weeks.

Meanwhile, Tony Ensor, who was taken off with concussion, has been told by his doctor that he cannot play for at least a fortnight. Mike Gibson, out of action since before Christmas with a shoulder injury makes his return to the game for his club, NIFC, next Saturday. Roy Saunders, the chairman o fthe selectors, confirmed last night that Gibson would be watched by at least one members of the Irish selection committee. The team to meet France will be selected in Dublin on Sunday week.

Wales invite 31 to meet at Afan Lido

Injuries and illness have caused problems for the Welsh rugby selectors, who announced a party of 31 yesterday for the game against England at Twickenham on Saturday, February 4. J. J. Williams and Trevor Evans are on the injury list and Brynmor Williams, the reserve scrum half, was injured in Saturday's trial.

All hope to be fit, however, for the training at Afan Lido next Sunday. The party is:—

FULL BACKS: J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend), C. Webber (Newport). WINGS: G. Davies (Cardiff), J. J. Williams (Llanelli), R. Ellis-Jones (London Welsh), G. Evans (Newport). CENTRES: R. Gravell (Llanelli), S. Fenwick (Bridgend), D. Burcher (Newport), M. Swain (Moseley). HALVES: P. Bennett (Llanelli), J. Bevan (Aberavon), G. Edwards (Cardiff), B. Williams (Newport and Cardiff). PROPS: A. Faulkner (Pontypool), G. Price (Pontypool), J. Richardson (Aberavon), J. Dixon (Abertillery). HOOKERS: R. Windsor (Pontypool), M. Watkins (Cardiff). FORWARDS: G. Wheel (Swansea), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), B. Clegg (Swansea), R. Thomas (London Welsh), D. Waters (Newport). BACK ROW: T. Cobner (Pontypool), J. Squire (Newport), D. Quinnell (Llanelli), C. Burgess (Ebbw Vale), T. Evans (Swansea), S. Lane (Cardiff).

John Dawes set his sights yesterday on the first tangible reward for triple crown success. In a possible rehearsal for this season's international championship, the Welsh coach was at the unveiling of an ingenious trophy especially made for the team that beats the other three home countries.

A co Durham miner, Dave Merrington, has carved an unofficial triple crown—out of coal,

England defer decisio[n] on walking wounded

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

English rugby at the top is akin to a casualty clearing station. Their resources have been so afflicted by injuries, both in Paris last Saturday and in the run up to the first international, that the selectors have decided to defer until next weekend their choice of the side to meet Wales at Twickenham on Saturday week.

They know that Andy Maxwell, the centre who was carried off at Parc des Princes with a torn medial ligament in his left knee, must have finished with rugby for this season and that Robin Cowling, who heroically played most of the second half with a dislocated shoulder, must miss the Welsh game. Peter Dixon, who left the field at the same time as Maxwell with a dislocated collar bone, still has his arm strapped.

There is better, long-term news about Fran Cotton, who missed the French game with a nasty knee injury sustained at England's training weekend. He had the splint removed yesterday and, receiving an encouraging nod from a specialist, now hopes to resume light training this week.

The most cheering reports concern full backs. David Caplan, who strained a groin in training and so lost his chance of a first appearance for England in Paris, has announced himself fully recovered and will play for his club, Headingley, on Saturday.

However, the cheering news is that David Caplan, who missed a first appearance in the first game because of a groin strain sustained at England's training weekend, has announced himself fit again and will be playing for his club, Headingley, on Saturday. Alastair Hignell, who was England's full back for the past two years, has also declared his readiness after a season of frustrating injuries.

He was to have played for Cambridge University against Edinburgh Academicals last Saturday, but the game was cancelled. Now he has two games lined up this week, against the RAF tomorrow and against Birkenhead Park on Saturday. He is so keen to win back his England place that he has expressed the hope that an England selector will come and watch him

Geoffrey Evans, the British Lions' centre of 1974, is also back in the reckoning after a game or two with Coventry extra first team and an outing for their senior team, in which he is reported to have looked sharp against Wilmslow in the John Player Cup game last Saturday. The selectors must have him in mind because they picked him on the Rest side in the trial, from which he had to withdraw.

Back now to the bad news. Nigel French, the Wasps' centre who was unlucky not to have been selected for the final trial, has been troubled by a knee injury for some weeks and must undergo an operation that will finis[h] season, too. When last, one ders, did England have an i[nter]national season when so good players were out of the ning at once?

For all his undoubted co[...] against France, and be was in the wars, Dusty Hare di[d] exude the total security an[d] erring good judgment that looks for in an internationa[l] back and there can be little [...] that Caplan or Hignell will [...] the position against Wale[s] seems to me that for all his n[...] enthusiasm to be involved a[...] Hignell still has much to [...] and, in such circumstances, C[...] ought now to be selected aga[in].

Barry Nelmes, who won tw[o] in Australia in 1975, is the ob[vious] replacement for Cowling at [...] head and, playing all his rugby for Cardiff, knows wh[at to] expect from the Welsh front [...] In Cotton's almost certain abs[ence] Burton's form on the tight side in Paris was an encou[rage]ment. His scrummaging [...] can be taken as read. His [...] bution round the fringes [...] not be faulted.

John Scott must have e[...] himself another cap at No [8...] the selectors have a problem flank with two proven playe[rs] Mike Rafter and Tony N[...] both open side specialists, peting for one position. N[...] can be so effective on the side. The selectors may deci[de to] make the best of it, by cho[osing] both

Lack of a real cutting edge i[n] midfield triangle is another ing English problem but, alt[hough] Alan Old was unable to ac[hieve] anything in this respect in except in broken play, I [...] England have made e[...] changes at half back in r[...] years without tampering aga[...] England's clear strength is a ward, Old's tactical kicking remain an important factor.

It would be preferable t[o make] changes at centre, where one be made in any case becau[se of] the injury to Maxwell. Cl[...] Kent's qualities are well e[...] known and his distribution he came on as a replacemen[t was] more accurate and timely that of his rivals.

Barrie Corless made too mistakes for a wholehearted [...] centage" player who rarely to live up to his capacity. missed touch out of his [...] made one wrong option by ting back inside with space [...] glint of an overlap outside and he lost England perhaps best chance in the second [...]

Judging by the trial selec[tion] the selectors will be thinki[ng of] bringing back Geoffrey Evan[s] certainly has some extra pac[e] penetrative ability but one ders about his defence agai[nst] likely Welsh centres. The [...] may have come to choose Dodge, a young Leicester c[...] and to see whether he can s[...] Kent, permanently statione[d] outside centre.

Motor rallying

Munari out as French assume lead

Monte Carlo, Jan 23.—Sandro Munari, four times winner of the Monte Carlo rally, dropped out of this year's event before reaching Monaco. The 37-year-old Italian driver's Lancia Stratos first developed accelerator trouble and then suffered a broken gear-box and he was forced to withdraw without completing the 2,350 kilometres (1,460 miles) approach route into the Mediterranean principality.

Munari's disappearance, heavy snow and deteriorating weather conditions in the French Alps halted the expected supremacy of the big Italian firms, Fiat and Lancia, and to general surprise the two French Renault 5 Alpines, making their first appearance in the competition, arrived in the contrasting sunshine of Monaco in the top two places.

As 206 surviving competitors attacked the last of today's five special time trials, Munari's Lancia team colleagues Fulvio Bacchelli and Arnaldo Bernacchini, had the overall lead snatched away by the fierce challenges of the all-French Alpine crews—Guy Frequelin and Jacques Delavel and Jean Ragnotti and Jean-Marc Andrie.

Walter Rohrl and Carl Geistdorfer, of West Germany, in the top works Fiat 131 were in third place followed by Bacchelli and Bernacchini. Jean Pierre Nicolas and Vincent Laverne, of France, in a Porsche were fifth and Maurizio Verini and Francesco Rossetti, of Italy, in a Fiat 131 Abarth were sixth. Only 60 seconds separated the top half a dozen

The day was marred by a fatal accident near Gap Airport. A service car, supporting a local Opel crew, Bernard Bontaz and Pierre Gandolfo, was involved in an accident with a lorry. Both of the car's occupants were killed. Bontaz and Gandolfo withdrew from the competition on learning of the fatalities.

Meanwhile, the European women's champions, Michele Mouton and Françoise Conconi in a Lancia Stratos were well placed in the top 10 and the duel between the Citroëns of the other womens crews, Christine Dacremont and Ganaelle, of France, and Marketta Oksala and Pynna Pirio, of Finland, was extremely close.

Sweden's Anders Kullang and Bruno Berglund in the top works Opel had slipped slightly in the standings, but their Dutch-based Swedish team colleagues, Lars Carlsson, and De Jong had moved up into the top 10 in their Opel.

STANDINGS: 1, G. Frequelin—J. Delavel (France), Renault 5 Alpine, 1hr 23min 19sec; 2, J. Ragnotti—J. M. Andrie (France), Renault 5 Alpine, at 5sec; 3, W. Rohrl—C. Geistdorfer (W Germany), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 5sec; 4, F. Bacchelli—A. Bernacchini (Italy), Lancia Stratos, at 13sec; 5, J. P. Nicolas—V. Laverne (France), Porsche, at 17sec; 6, M. Verini—F. Rossetti (Italy), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 45sec.—Agence France-Presse.

Athletics

Gold welcomes drugs scheme

Arthur Gold, the president of the European Athletic Union, has welcomed a decision by British internationals to consider introducing their own list of "clean" athletes. The International Athlets Club agreed at their annual meeting on Sunday to investigate the practicalities of setting up their own drug clearance scheme, with athletes registering their availability for random testing for banned drugs.

The IAC proposal came from Dr Martyn Lucking, a former Olympic shot putter.

Boxing

A night that could change shape of Batten's future

The main significance of tonight's boxing bill at the Royal Albert Hall is that Jimmy Batten, Britain's light-middleweight champion, is meeting a welterweight, and it may herald the shape of the future. Batten faces Clarence Howard, of the United States, and hard work and judicious dieting will bring him into the ring several pounds lighter than in his recent contests.

If he wins well and stays strong, his manager, Terry Lawless, may take the dramatic step of dropping him a division, giving up a hard-won title in the process. "Batten is just 22, and well settled in life. This is the time to decide where his future lies", Lawless said.

"There are some interesting looking prospects in the welterweights—Dave Green and John Stracey for a start. But it all depends if he can make the weight comfortably without my bu[...] him."

Howard, for a start, is no fearsome, a competent rather a brilliant opponent with defeats in 14 contests. B[atten] should win but, on this occa[sion] it will not be a case of wha[t he] does but how he does it, what sort of shape he is i[n at] the end.

A switch to welterweigh[t for] Batten would also forestall embarrassment of a pos[sible] future meeting with his friend stable colleague, Maurice H[ope] who holds the European l[ight-]middleweight championship.

Hope is also in action too as a late substitute for Ch[arlie] Magri, the flyweight cham[pion] who has bronchitis. He m[eets] Vincent Ungaro, of Italy, [in a] 10-round light-middleweight test which should not cause too many problems.

Motor racing

S African race is saved

Johannesburg, Jan 23.—The South African Grand Prix, which had been threatened by lack of finance, will be held as scheduled on March 4, a spokesman for the organizers said here today. Francis Tucker, the chairman of the South African Motor Racing Club, said that a new sponsor had been found and the money would now be forthcoming to stage the race.

Louis Luyt, the owner of The Citizen newspaper, announced recently that he was withdrawing his sponsorship of the race, which he had put up 230,000 [dol]lars in each of the past two y[ears] because SAMRAC had been able to find the additional fin[ance] to run the event. Mr Tucker today that another sponsor been found.

Mr Luyt and the other spo[nsors] whom Mr Tucker did not na[me] had guaranteed a total of 402[...] dollars. The race, run at Kya[lami] north of here, will be the thir[d of] this year's formula one w[orld] drivers championship series.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weath[er] (5 pm)
Arosa	60	75	Fair	Fair	Good	Fine
New snow on hard base.						
Courmayeur	75	175	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Good all round skiing.						
Davos	30	80	Good	Varied	Fair	Fair
Upper pistes remain good.						
Kitzbühel	20	50	Fair	Crust	fair	Fine
Worn areas on all slopes.						
Les Arcs	90	145	Good	Soft	Good	Fine
Excellent skiing conditions.						
Les Menuires	100	200	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Excellent skiing conditions.						
Saas Fee	120	200	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud
Excellent skiing conditions.						
Sauze d'Oulx	80	140	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
Conditions good, all runs open.						
Verbier	20	115	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud
Little snow on firm base.						
Wengen	25	45	Good	Powder	Good	Fine
New Snow improving all runs.						

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. T[he] following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
AUSTRIA					
Alpbach	10	40	Good	—	0
Axamer-Lizum	—	70	Good	—	-7
Badgastein	10	40	Good	—	-1
Berwang	50	80	Good	—	-3
Brand	25	100	Good	—	-1
Gargellen	50	100	Good	—	-5
Hochsölden	40	140	Good	—	-5
Igls	5	35	Good	—	-7
Ischgl	45	90	Good	—	-4
Lech	75	105	Good	—	-6
Lienz	40	110	Good	—	-1
Mayrhofen	0	65	Good	—	-1
Mittersdorf	60	160	Good	—	-7
Obergurgl	75	115	Good	—	-5
Obertauern	160	200	Good	—	-8
Saalbach	40	80	Good	—	-8
Schruns	10	60	Good	—	-7
Serfaus	25	75	Good	—	-4
Wildschönau	—	60	Good	—	-3
FRANCE					
Alpe d'Huez	80	300	Good	Cloud	—
Chamonix	35	350	Pwdr	Sun	—
Courchevel	60	100	Pwdr	Sun	—
La Clusaz	55	125	Pwdr	Sun	—
Les Deux Alpes	75	650	Pwdr	Cloud	—
Megève	40	110	Pwdr	Cloud	—
Morzine	30	140	Pwdr	Cloud	—
Pra-Loup	115	330	Pwdr	Sun	—
St Gervais	60	90	Pwdr	Sun	—
ITALY					
Abetone	100	150	Good	—	—
Bardonecchia	90	300	Good	—	—
Canazei	50	300	Good	—	—
Cervinia	150	300	Good	—	
Claviere	300	450	Good	—	
Cortina	100	140	Good	—	
Corvara	80	140	Good	—	
Livigno	50	70	Good	—	
Macugnaga	100	300	Good	—	
Madesimo	150	200	Good	—	
Madonna di C	140	250	Good	—	
San Martino	100	170	Good	—	
Selva	70	100	Good	—	
Sestriere	300	350	Good	—	
Vipiteno	20	80	Good	—	
NORWAY					
Finse	135	150	Good	—	
Geilo	50	60	Good	—	
Gol	50	60	Good	—	
Lillehammer	55	75	Good	—	
Norefjell	120	155	Good	—	
Oslo	60	70	Good	—	
Rjukan	65	70	Good	—	
Voss	80	90	Good	—	

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Main ru[ns] Most runs complete. Lower slopes: few runs compl[ete] but narrow, others broken. [Ne]w snow with patches. Vertica[l] runs: 1,300 fe[et]. Access roads: Slight snow. Snow lev[el] 2,000 feet. Glenshee: Main ru[ns] Most complete. Lower slopes: A[...] nursery areas, new snow. Verti[cal] runs 1,000 feet. Access roads: Mod[er]ate snow. Snow level: 2,000 fe[et]. Glencoe: Main runs and lower slop[es] All runs complete. New snow on firm base. Vertical runs: 1,500 fe[et]. Access roads: Clear. Snow level: [...] feet.

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SPORT

Racing

Rag Trade blunders, but shows he is Grand National material again

By Michael Seely

A bitterly cold afternoon at Teesside Park yesterday was by no means devoid of excitement; the crowd certainly had value for money. Broncho II gave an immaculate display of fencing when running out an easy winner of the County Handicap Steeplechase. But at the second fence from home, John O'Neill had been challenging on Rag Trade. The 1976 Grand National winner jumped the obstacle perfectly, but slipped on landing. O'Neill made a miraculous recovery, although his chance had gone. The pair finished third, over 30 lengths behind Broncho.

An hour later there was a further illustration of the glorious uncertainties of steeplechasing. Peter Easterby's Alverton had looked to have such a simple task against his solitary opponent, Kruganko, in the Faceby Novices' Steeplechase, that the bookmakers were unwilling to bet on the outcome. But at the seventh fence Alverton made a terrible mistake unseating O'Neill, who luckily held on to the reins. They also brought down Kruganko. Both horses were remounted, but O'Neill was first in the saddle and Alverton won by a distance.

The connexions of Broncho and Rag Trade were both delighted with their horses' displays. Broncho's trainer, Tony Dickinson, was not at Teesside, but his son, Michael, the winning jockey, said: "That was super. It's the first time that Broncho has felt right this season. He needs two or three races to get him straight nowadays." Dickinson went on to say that Broncho had hated the heavy going at Newcastle, where he was surprisingly beaten by the outsider of the field, Bishop's Pawn.

Broncho's next target is the Leisure Caravans' Parks Steeplechase at Sandown Park on February 3, the race in which he was beaten by Master H last year. There is also a remote possibility that the nine-year-old might be allowed to take his chance in the Cheltenham Gold Cup if the ground is not too holding. In that event, Spartan could be the stable representative.

Dickinson then added that True Wish, who ran such a great race against The Dealer in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase final at Haydock Park on Saturday, would probably also run at Sandown Park, in the Scilly Isles Novices' Steeplechase. True Wish has been declared for the West of Scotland Pattern Steeplechase at Ayr on Friday, but the stable feel that this race might come too soon for the quick-jumping six-year-old. The Dickinsons' useful novice hurdler, Silver Buck, who was so impressive when defying top weight in a handicap at Haydock, will now be aimed at the £4,000 Persian War Novices' Hurdle at Chepstow next Tuesday.

Rag Trade's trainer, George Fairbairn said: "Considering that Rag Trade was having his first race for 15 months, we've got to be pleased. O'Neill told me that the horse had got his second wind and was starting to run when he slipped." As the gelding looked on the burly side beforehand, Fairbairn had every right to be satisfied. The Northumberland trainer was reluctant to commit himself as to future plans. "We'll have to see how the horse is tomorrow morning", he said. "If he's all right, I don't think we'll be too ambitious for the time being." The Grand National is of course Rag Trade's principal objective.

This is the second time that Fairbairn has had charge of Rag Trade, having saddled him to win a sponsored race on this course in 1975 before the gelding was sold to Pierre Raymond for 18,000 guineas. Fred Rimell trained Rag Trade to win the Grand National, but the horse broke down after his victory. Mr Raymond bought his partner out when repurchasing Rag Trade for 5,000 guineas at the Ascot sales last June, and sent the horse back to his original trainer.

Rag Trade's owner was at Teesside to see his horse have his come-back race. Dressed in a colourful jacket, Mr Raymond had earlier made his presence felt by bidding for the selling race winner, Blessed Boy. Mr Raymond's intervention did not seem to please Blessed Boy's trainer, Donald McCain. Perhaps he saw enough of Mr Raymond when Rag Trade beat Red Rum two years ago. Amazingly, Blessed Boy, who cost David Robinson 41,000 guineas as a yearling, was gaining his first success on a racecourse. The six-year-old's victory gave O'Neill the first leg of a double which he completed on Alverton.

Easterby is on holiday in Teneriffe, but a stable spokesman said that Alverton would run at Doncaster on Saturday, when, as well as the excitement which will be provided by the Great Yorkshire Steeplechase, racegoers will have the additional thrill of watching O'Neill in action for the first time on the dual champion hurdler, Night Nurse. As Bird's Nest and Decent Fellow are already under orders for the William Hill Yorkshire Hurdle, the championship picture may be clearer by Saturday evening. Easterby's crack novice, King Weasel, will be attempting to win his sixth race of the season at Ayr on Friday.

At Sedgefield this afternoon, the Dickinsons can continue on their winning ways with Tommy Joe in the George Mulcaster Memorial Steeplechase. After scoring at Teesside Park, Tommy Joe then fell at the last fence at Kelso when on terms with the winner, Brown Barman. All four runners have a chance. Red Earl gained his second victory of the season on this course recently. Ormonde Tudor has a 10lb penalty for his easy Wolverhampton victory for Mrs Rosemary Lomax. But the chief threat should be posed by the mud-loving Whitsuncelli, who despite mistakes at the last three fences ran Lucius to a length and a half at Wetherby.

The course specialist, Bold Warrior, should be too sharp for Fidler On the Hoof in the Sedgefield Handicap Steeplechase. After his narrow defeat by Slobara at Haydock, Yachtsman looks the pick of the weights in the Stockton Handicap Hurdle.

If racing is possible at Worcester, that gallant old warrior, Fighting Taffy, runner-up to the improving Gaffer at Towcester, can beat a large field in the Astwood Handicap Hurdle. Fulke Walwyn could land a double with Isle of Man in the Lowesmoor Handicap Steeplechase and with his Newbury winner, Star Dyker, in the Abberley Handicap Steeplechase, where Tenspir should prove to be the biggest danger.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sedgefield: Soft (no inspection planned). Worcester: Heavy. Tomorrow: Folkestone: Soft. Carlisle: Hurdles: Heavy; Steeplechase: Soft.

Bailey waits eagerly for National weights

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Weights for this year's Grand National will be published tomorrow and no man is more interested to know how the handicapper has treated his horse than Kim Bailey, who trains Shifting Gold. Aged only 24 and in his first season as a licence holder, Bailey is in the enviable position of having in his care a horse who many believe is capable of winning the big race at Liverpool.

Shifting Gold made so many friends at Sandown Park earlier this month when he won the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase that he is already high in the list of ante-post betting at 14-1. There is, in fact, only one horse preferred to him in the market and that is Red Rum.

What is interesting is that the horse who has already made history by becoming the only horse to win the Grand National three times and Shifting Gold may well meet before the big race at much the same time that Donald McCain was telling his audience at Haydock Park on Saturday that Red Rum would have his first race this year at Haydock next month in the Malcolm Fudge National Trial. Bailey was telling me that he intended running Shifting Gold in the same race, provided that the ground is good.

Both horses ran in the same race last year. On that occasion the ground was much too soft for Shifting Gold, yet he was still beaten only seven lengths by Andy Pandy, when he was trying to give the subsequent winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup 7lb. Red Rum finished last that day.

Now news of another equine celebrity. I wrote yesterday that only bad weather would stop Bob Turnell running the current Champion Hurdle favourite, Birds Nest, in the William Yorkshire Hurdle at Doncaster on Saturday. Turnell also trains that other top-class hurdler, Beacon Light, and yesterday he told me that he had hatched a plan for him, too. He intends taking Beacon Light to Leopardstown on February 18 for the valuable Erin Foods Hurdle.

Racing at Fontwell Park in Sussex yesterday was called off less than three quarters of an hour before it was due to begin because the course had become saturated after three hours of continuous heavy rain. Having driven past countless flooded meadows along extremely wet roads on my way to the course I was only surprised that the stewards had waited so long before they reached a decision. However, they were only being mindful of the long distances some had come—David Morley had sent four horses from Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk and John Thorne had brought Artifice all the way up from his home near Bridgwater in Somerset—and they were rightly determined to give the meeting every chance of taking place.

Kearney ends a three-season famine

Pat Kearney, a Cheltenham trainer, saddled his first winner for three seasons when Roman Tiffin won a hard struggle over a muddy three miles for the Broadway Handicap Hurdle at Worcester yesterday. It was Roman Tiffin who gave him his last success, also in heavy ground, at Nottingham.

After five horses had equal chances in the long straight, Roman Tiffin battled on best of all to beat Grand Rose by three quarters of a length. But the 33-1 runner-up must be rated unlucky, putting up 4lb overweight for Sandy May. The syndicate-owned Roman Tiffin is the first horse and first winner to carry the colours of Colin Grattidge, a catering manager at Reading University.

Kearney had not been able to work his three horses at home because of the bad weather so he took Roman Tiffin to David Wintle's stable on Westbury Sands last Saturday. "He's still not fit but his guts won it. He's dead genuine", the delighted trainer said.

Overweight played a decisive part in the Martley Handicap Steeplechase when Never Rock held off Captain Clover by a short head. It was a good performance by the winner who was carrying top weight of 11st, but Barry Venn on the runner-up put up 7lb more than necessary. Never Rock, who needs soft ground, could go for both the Welsh and Aintree Grand Nationals. His owner-breeder, George Barley, said: "He didn't start racing until he was six and I think he's still getting stronger."

Worcester programme

1.30 LADYWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £440: 2m)

4449-0 God Aeolus, P. Makin, 5-11-7 ... G. Knight 5
320030 Solecism (C-D), B. Cambidge, 5-11-2 ... R. Evans
ppp023 Flippant Heck, J. Colston, 5-11-0 ... P. Duggins 5
000310 Aunt Thea (D), R. Keenor, 4-10-12 ... M. Floyd
030 Fair Brutus, D. H. Jones, 6-10-12 ... J. Jenkins
00-1340 Pava's Girl, J. Spearing, 5-10-9 ... H. Evans
0bf020 Lager Boy, A. Jones, 5-10-7 ... J. Williams
ppp-00p Linbalu, Earl Jones, 5-10-5 ... R. Hyett
f-0c000 River Trip, M. Connell, 5-10-4 ... J. Barlow 5
0-00024 Merry Leap (D), M. McCourt, 5-10-2 ... G. McCourt
003412 Captain Cheeko, P. Allingham, 4-10-2 ... D. Sunderland
p000 Pace Alack, N. Gaselee, 5-10-0 ... J. Smith 5
...-1 Aunt Thea, 7-2 Flippant Heck, 9-2 Lager Boy, 13-2 Captain Cheeko, ...y Leap, 10-1 Fair Brutus, God Aeolus, 16-1 others.

FOREGATE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £896: 3m)

01301b Kings or Better (D), F. Rimell, 7-12-5 ... C. Tinkler
212f14 Sanskrit (D), J. Edwards, 7-12-5 ... P. Blacker
303f13 Jackstones (D), D. Nicholson, 7-11-12 ... R. Dickins
0400 Bargey Boy, C. Miller, 6-11-5 ... R. Evans
2-p34f2 Bell-Amys, D. H. Jones, 7-11-5 ... J. Williams
p000-00 Blue Duke, D. Oseman, 9-11-5 ... C. Smith
0rf0 Flemingstown, F. Rimell, 8-11-5 ... B. Jones
0u0-04u Law Society, P. Yardley, 7-11-5 ... N. Tinkler
44 Lone General, F. Walwyn, 9-11-5 ... W. Smith
u42 Mender, R. Armytage, 7-11-5 ... R. Mangan
200-403 Physicist, J. Gifford, 6-11-5 ... R. Champion
u04fp0 Pride of Piwcca, Mrs B. Lewis, 8-11-5 ... M. Stanley
0-423uf Princely Bid, R. Armytage, 7-11-5 ... H. Evans
000p-ff Romany Car, F. N. Kent, 9-11-5 ... M. Fogerty 7
0- Teviot Brig, J. Shedden, 6-11-5 ... S. Parkyn
1f0-0fp The Sea Lion, R. Dening, 13-11-5 ... R. O'Donovan 5
11-r003 William Penn, D. Pearman, 7-11-5 ... D. Sunderland
3-00032 Ousky, Earl Jones, 5-10-10 ... I. Watkinson
...2 Sanskrit, 5-1 Prysicist, 6-1 Kings or Better, 8-1 Ousky, Jackstones, 10-1 Goitural, Princely Bid, William Penn, 12-1 Bell-Amys, Mender, 16-1 others.

ASTWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £858: 2¼m)

01- Transform (C), D. Gandolfo, 8-11-10 ... C. Thorner
30-2001 Brantridge Farmer, F. Walwyn, 10-11-7 ... W. Smith
0-p0302 Fighting Taffy, P. Upton, 11-11-4 ... P. Burgoyne 7
f0-2002 *Emperors Gift, R. Bailey, 8-10-8 ... I. Watkinson
p02320 Double Slave, J. Wardle, 7-10-7 ... S. Smith-Eccles
-04-f00 Marks Boy (C-D), A. Jones, 8-10-6 ... P. Steel 3
040002- Escapologist, I. Wardle, 6-10-4 ... M. Leak 7
330043 Tempest Girl (C), H. Nicholson, 5-10-2 ... K. Whyte 7
10-4230 Court Melody, W. Fisher, 8-10-2 ... R. Mangan
10- Bronze Beal, V. Cross, 7-10-1 ... F. McKenna
0f100-0 Ordnance Hill, D. H. Jones, 6-10-1 ... J. Jenkins
000403 Durham Lad, D. Gandolfo, 5-10-1 ... P. Barton
f-30001 Creevelea, J. Harris, 7-10-0 ... P. Tuck 7
40-0044 Windmill Boy, J. Wright, 6-10-0 ... R. Evans
000034 Maygo, A. Sutton, 6-10-0 ... R. Davies
00-0 Sackville, D. Gandolfo, 6-10-0 ... C. Candy
04420f Dunoods Daughter, J. Spearing, 5-10-0 ... A. Webb 5
400-p Tan Knots, J. Brennan, 9-10-0 ... S. Davis 7
00-0041 Case Study, J. Joseph, 5-10-0 ... K. Hayward 7
021430 True Diver, S. Holland, 4-10-0 ... C. Tinkler
000204 Lyns Legend, G. Price, 9-10-0 ... C. Price 7
3f0-0f0 Halmahera, G. Bull, 5-10-0 ... P. Kelly
p-p0ppp Captain Hardy, P. Mann, 9-10-0 ... Mr M. Mann 7
... Brantridge Farmer, 5-1 Fighting Taffy, 13-2 Double Slave, Durham Lad, ...ase Study, Tempest Girl, 12-1 Transform, 14-1 Court Melody, Escapologist, ... Boy, Windmill Boy, 20-1 others.

LOWESMOOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £874: 2m)

34-1234 Isle of Man (D), F. Walwyn, 11-12-7 ... W. Smith
13p044 *Royal Threat (C,D), F. Rimell, 9-10-5 ... —
3133-00 Abo, S. Mellor, 10-10-0 ... S. Jobar
1p-0p0 Hilarity (D), J. Harris, 7-10-0 ... D. Sunderland
0034-04 Perpol, W. Charles, 13-10-0 ... R. Evans
3-0 Golden Warrior, A. Silvester, 10-10-0 ... R. Hyett
... Isle of Man, 5-2 Abo, 10-1 Hilarity, 14-1 Golden Warrior, Perpol.

ABBERLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £951): 2¼m)

011p2-3 Harvest (C,D), Mrs D. Oughton, 8-11-1 ... N. Holman 5
301241 Star Dyker (C,D), F. Walwyn, 8-11-1 ... M. Floyd
324-210 Jer, W. Clay, 7-10-6 ... N. Clay
17-3402 Tenspir (C,D), T. Forster, 9-10-4 ... G. Thorner
040120 Tenecoon (D), F. Smith, 7-10-0 ... C. Brown 3
r3324r Bright Fergus, M. Scudamore, 9-10-0 ... P. Duggins 5
... Harvest, 3-1 Star Dyker, 7-2 Jer, 9-2 Tenspir, 6-1 Tenecoon, 12-1 Bright ...

RANSFORD HURDLE (Novices: £545: 2¼m)

14 Beluga Boy, F. Winter, 6-11-7 ... J. Francome
0021- Jack Madness, J. Gifford, 6-11-7 ... Mr C. Sloan
001 Weeny Bopper, J. Webber, 7-11-7 ... Mr P. Webber 7
022100 David Tudor, D. Ringer, 5-11-3 ... R. Evans
0-pp Lovely Boy, R. Price, 7-10-11 ... P. Warner
002p-u Reservist, J. Spearing, 6-10-11 ... G. McCourt
p-p000 Tachyon, I. Wardle, 7-10-11 ... S. Smith-Eccles
04-3p3 Tower Bridge, L. Small, 7-10-11 ... R. Linley
0-002 Tudor Ruff, R. Murphy, 6-10-11 ... G. Thorner
0p-000 Wondayla, D. Nugent, 4-10-11 ... S. Jobar
00 Adains Boy, B. Cambidge, 5-10-7 ... Mr J. Cambidge 7
u-3144 Chevulgan, R. Armytage, 5-10-7 ... H. Evans
09000 Kassa, D. Nicholson, 5-10-7 ... R. Mangan
00003 Westberry Lodge, D. Nicholson, 5-10-7 ... J. Suthern
... Beluga Boy, 7-2 Westberry Lodge, 9-2 Jack Madness, 8-1 Weeny Bopper, ...avid Tudor, Ruff, 12-1 Chevulgan, Tower Bridge, 20-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Sedgefield programme

12.45 COXHOE HURDLE (Handicap: £364: 2½m)

1 100210 Meads Manor (C), J. Berry, 9-12-0 ... S. Houlker
3 0 Recoil, G. Wallace, 5-11-11 ... J. Toland
4 0-00 Fare Up (D), W. A. Stephenson, 9-11-6 ... P. Murphy 5
5 4000-00 Relkotime, W. Tinning, 7-10-12 ... P. Salmon
10 200000 Veno Star, W. Smith, 5-10-6 ... M. Murphy
11 0 Master Blarney (D), W. Whiston, 9-10-6 ... E. Brooke 5
15 000001 Weather All, J. Wilson, 7-10-5 ... C. Curant 5
17 404430 Park-Ex, R. Allan, 5-10-5 ... B. Holohan 5
19 0p-0004 Bay Corniche, N. Chamberlain, 6-10-5 ... B. Ashbridge 5
20 400030 Beau Star, D. Jermy, 4-10-5 ... J. Garner
22 0p0-p04 Pavardi, B. Sayles, 8-10-5 ... B. Sayles
23 000402 Irish Word (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 10-10-5 ... R. Forsyth
24 0 Smart Girl, R. Gray, 11-10-5 ... J. Allen
9-4 Meads Manor, 11-4 Weather All, 4-1 Fare Up, 6-1 Irish Word, 8-1 Pavardi, 10-1 Master Blarney, 12-1 Bay Corniche, 20-1 others.

1.15 GEORGE MULCASTER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £883: 3m 250yd)

2 2413-10 Tommy Joe, A. Dickinson, 8-11-7 ... M. Dickinson
5 021f41 Red Earl (C-D), J. Berry, 9-10-7 ... S. Charlton 3
8 040321 Ormonde Tudor (C-D), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-10-3 ... P. Barry 5
10 -21p-u32 Whitsuncelli, M. Naughton, 8-10-1 ... C. Hawkins
11-8 Tommy Joe, 9-4 Whitsuncelli, 3-1 Red Earl, 6-1 Ormonde Tudor.

1.45 SEDGEFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £743: 2m)

1 31p423 Sea Count (D), G. Richards, 9-12-0 ... D. Goulding
2 001f21 Bold Warrior (C-D), J. Berry, 7-11-12 ... K. Gray
3 2223 Fidler On The Hoof (C-D), K. Oliver, 9-11-6 ... R. Barry
4 232144 Super Chant (D), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-3 ... G. Faulkner
5 3p0033- Three Fred's (D), A. Watson, 11-10-0 ... P. Charlton
7-4 Bold Warrior, 5-2 Super Chant, 100-30 Sea Count, 6-1 Fidler on the Hoof, 10-1 Three Fred's.

2.15 SANDS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £703: 3m 250yd)

1 00-2122 Slane Lady, T. Barron, 12-11-12 ... K. Gray
3 ppfnf0 Burghwallis, A. Watson, 6-11-2 ... P. Charlton
4 p00034 Cossak Prince, W. Francis, 8-11-2 ... A. Taylor
6 004f Darling Eve, M. Camacho, 6-11-2 ... D. Greaves
10 b4423 Hal's Slave, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-2 ... Mr T. Dun 7
11 4042-p Kentmere, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-2 ... G. Faulkner
12 0u0-04u Law Society, F. Yardley, 7-11-2 ... N. Tinkler
13 0p-0020 Oakley Cross, N. Chamberlain, 7-11-2 ... R. Lamb
14 -u24u20 Old Walter, P. Courage, 9-11-2 ... M. Murphy 7
15 440-0p3 Stonnaigh Bealdina VI, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-2 ... C. Hawkins
17 000000 Tuffy Town, M. Naughton, 7-11-2 ... Mr S. Kettlewell 7
5-4 Slane Lady, 9-4 Hal's Slave, 6-1 Darling Eve, 8-1 Kentmere, 10-1 Oakley Cross, 12-1 Old Walter, 20-1 others.

2.45 STOCKTON HURDLE (Handicap: £647: 2m)

1 034003 Embargo, G. Richards, 7-12-0 ... D. Goulding
2 0f0004 Emma J (D), W. Whiston, 10-11-13 ... P. Barry 5
3 240203 John McNab (D), J. Lorr, 6-11-7 ... N. Balmer 5
4 020120 Meldrette (C-D), L. Griffiths, 7-11-7 ... K. McCauley
5 001030 Mr Resistor (C-D), T. Barron, 5-11-7 ... R. Lamb
6 03-4000 Rigorous (C-D), Mrs J. Simpson, 7-11-6 ... —
7 2-04201 Regal Bird (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 7-11-2 ... R. Forsyth 7
10 20o000 Apple At Night, Mrs S. Lamyman, 6-10-11 ... P. James
11 001002 Limpopo (C-D), J. Berry, 6-10-10 ... S. Houlker 7
12 0-01004 Huntercombe Lad (C-D), J. Skilling, 5-10-9 ... P. Charlton
13 f0f-002 Yachtsman (D), A. Parry, 6-10-6 ... —
11-4 Embargo, 7-2 John McNab, 9-2 Mr Resistor, 6-1 Regal Bird, 7-1 Limpopo, 8-1 Yachtsman, 12-1 Moldrette, 20-1 others.

3.15 CASSOP HURDLE (Novices: £485: 2m)

1 000000 Dare, Mrs S. Lamyman, 7-11-9 ... P. James
2 4-002 Master Milan, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 ... R. Collins
3 034422 Gullsway, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-7 ... Mr J. Cardew 7
5 00034 Mr Dram, A. Dickinson, 5-11-7 ... M. Dickinson
6 f00 Paddy's Lass, W. Whiston, 5-11-7 ... P. Barry 5
9 - Yellow Star, G. Wallace, 5-11-7 ... M. O'Shea 5
10 f0 Contribution, R. Allan, 4-10-6 ... B. Holohan 7
11 00f02 General Patterns, R. Pane, 4-10-6 ... Mr P. Page 5
14 430 Jason, M. H. Easterby, 4-10-6 ... J. O'Neill
15 003 Mazurka, J. Skilling, 4-10-6 ... M. Lowry 3
17 u Mischiefmaker, I. Jordan, 4-10-6 ... J. Allen 7
20 320 Varmeter, M. Camacho, 4-10-6 ... D. Greaves
3-1 Jason, 11-4 Master Milan, 6-1 General Patterns, Mazurka, 8-1 Gullsway, 10-1 Mr Dram, 12-1 Varmeter, 20-1 others.

Sedgefield selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Weather All. 1.15 TOMMY JOE is specially recommended. 1.45 Bold Warrior. 2.15 Hal's Slave. 2.45 Yachtsman. 3.15 Gullsway.

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Merry Leap. 2.0 Kings or Better. 2.30 Fighting Taffy. 3.0 Isle of Man. 3.30 Star Dyker. 4.0 Weeny Bopper.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
4.0 David Tudor.

Worcester

1.30 (1.36) BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £569: 2m)
...Bridge, gr c, by Dike—... (D. Thorne), 10-9
R. Linley (evens fav) 1
... R. R. Evans (10-1) 2
... P. Blacker (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Crown Bowler (b), ...ton, 10-1 Marrakesh, 12-1 ... Prince, 20-1 Chestnut Walk, ...Sallys Carouselle, Woburn, Per...wallow (p), 33-1 Mayfield Ask, Me, Nicely, Bestreaked, ...s, Gordon Girl, Jack Somers, ... Padre, Lavenham Lady, Tam...e Clarke (f), Inca Princess, ...Doran (f), Miss Reassurance, ...ush Flight (p). 25 ran.
...Win, 15p; places, 15p, 14p, ...al forecast, 60p. G. Balding, ...n, 6l, 4l.

... COLWALL STEEPLECHASE ...: 2m)
...o, b g, by Don Carlos—... (Ld Chelsea), 7-10-13
J. King (6-4 fav) 1
... N. Walker (7-2) 2
... Mr J. Weston (9-4) 3
...RAN: 12-1 Pleasure Seeker ...l Sealing. 5 ran.
...Win, 20p; dual forecast, 24p. ...ke, at Didcot. 1½l, 10l.

...3) WARWICK STEEPLE... (£970: 3m)
... b g, by Timmy My Boy ...lass (G. Sloan), 6-12-0
Mr G. Sloan (8-15 fav) 1
... K. Bosley (33-1) 2
... Mr I. K. Johnson (20-1) 3
...RAN: 15-8 Rio (f). 50-1 ...d). 5 ran.
...Win, 11p; dual forecast, ... Gifford, at Findon. Dist, 8l. ...st did not run.

... BROADWAY HURDLE (Han... £799: 3m)
Roman Tiffin, b g, by Tacitus—American Brandy Sauce (C. Grattidge), 11-9-10
S. G. Davies (12-1) 1
Grand Rose ... S. May (33-1) 2
Popples Love ... P. Blacker (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Mauritius (p), 11-2 Hogan Hills, 6-1 Solid Gold, 7-1 No Retreat, 12-1 Batan Power, 14-1 Foxy Fanny, 20-1 Jim Colner, Oroslo, 25-1 Blickling Hall, Linden Dolly, Saffron Cake, 33-1 Bobette, Crofiamie, Molly's Beau, Delcome (p). 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.24; places, 59p, £2.35, 14p, 21p; dual forecast, with any other horse, £5.10. P. Kearney, at Cheltenham. ¾l, 1l. Complicity and Willie May did not run.

3.30 (3.32) MARTLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,093: 3m)
Never Rock, b g, by Never Dwell—Joyful Spirit (G. Barley), 9-10-9
K. Mooney (4-1) 1
Captain Clover ... Mr B. Venn (13-1) 2
Sybil ... R. Mangan (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Alpenstock (4th), 7-2 The Pilgarlic, 9-1 Sparlot, 20-1 Everything, Gylippus (p), Jimmy Rowe, 33-1 Kick On, 66-1 Benfro Belle (p). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 18p, 14p, 35p; dual forecast, £2.19. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. Sh hd, 3l. Broncho II did not run.

4.0 (4.3) BLAKEDOWN HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £565: 2m)
Barley Boy, br c, by Prince Barle—Maria Christmas (G. Balding), 10-8 ... R. C. Bailey (7-4 fav) 1
Scago ... A. Turnell (20-1) 2
Pennine Derek ... C. Tinkler (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Prince's Risk, 6-1 Hell Bent (f), 12-1 Princely Call, Royal Audition, 14-1 Sweet Shop (4th), 20-1 Tamalmden Tilla, White Lancer, 25-1 Sealegation, 50-1 Breath Easy, Another Spring, Cider Drinker, Cilla (c), Jack's Birthday (p), June Barr, Just Peep, Mid-day Mill, Sundance Lady, Top Snot, Wistful Lady, Port-of-Verona. 23 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 16p, £1.81, 15p; dual forecast, £18.85. G. Balding, at Weyhill. Hd, 5l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Tiepolino and Never Rock: £4.80. TREBLE: El Menino, Roman Tiffin and Barley Boy: £58.45 (paid first two legs). JACKPOT: £870.60. PLACE-POT: £53.75.

Teesside Park

1.15 (1.16) BOWES HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o: £456: 2m 176yds)
Roll Me Over, br g, by Hopeful Venture—Elaine (G. Reed), 10-9
D. Munro (2-1 fav) 1
Naval Victory ... C. Astbury (7-2) 2
Raise You ... J. Doyle (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fabrica (4th), 11-2 Tartan River, 10-1 Brit-Eden, 12-1 Velvet Boy, 14-1 Sergeant Squeak, 20-1 Teeoff, Royal Bishop, Tudor King, Dam Water (n). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 47p; places, 33p, 11p, 50p; dual forecast, 40p. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 4l, 1l.

1.45 (1.47) AYTON HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 176yds)
Blessed Boy, br g, by So Blessed—Borana (Mrs D. McCain), 6-10-10
J. O'Neill (5-1) 1
Larozma ... N. Tinkler (7-4 fav) 2
Millbil ... M. Barnes (11-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Roaming Minstrel, 7-1 Table Water, 10-1 Rust Borough (4th), 20-1 Vineyark Parade, 25-1 Boswell Boy, 33-1 Larella. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 11p, 41p, 18p; dual forecast, 28p. D. McCain, at Southport. 1½l, ½l.

2.15 (2.17) COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £825: 3m)
Broncho II, ch g, by Chou Chin Chow—Teenage Blues (F. Tyldesley), 9-12-7
M. Dickinson (4-7 fav) 1
West End Lad ... C. Hawkins (11-4) 2
Rag Trade ... J. O'Neill (5-1) 3
5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 14p; dual forecast, 14p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 1½l, 30l.

2.45 (2.47) THORPE HURDLE (Handicap: £595: 2m 176yds)
Gala Lad, ch g, by Gala Performance—Land (8. Griffiths), 4-11-11 ... N. Tinkler (8-11 fav) 1
Et Tu ... M. C. Candall (11-1) 2
Montreal Boy
Mr H. Orde-Powlett (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Jolly Melody, 13-2 Triola (4th), 13-1 Luck, Summercense, 25-1 Easby Saint, Michelle. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 28p, 21p; dual forecast, £5.67. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 2l, 12l. Arctic Summer did not run.

3.15 (3.17) FACEBY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £771: 2m)
Alverton, ch g, by Midsummer Night II—Alvertona (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd), 8-11-13 J. O'Neill 1
Kruganko ... C. Hawkins 2
TOTE: Win, 11p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. Distance. Only 2 ran.

3.45 (3.46) BOWES HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £456: 2m 176yds)
Habbersuprame, b g, by Supreme Sovereign—Dencombe (Selborne Engineering Co Ltd), 10-6
M. Lowry (5-1) 1
Rosemary Light ... J. Beaton (5-1) 2
Merganser ... J. O'Neill (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 King Flush (4th), 10-1 Scotch Henry, 20-1 Mrs Higgins, Ribac, 25-1 Tilui, 50-1 Aberblair, First Boy, Kalmlaw, Minny Mouse, Portomore, Warmspuns Joy, Witton Fell. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 12p, 16p, 26p; dual forecast, 29p. E. Carter, at Malton. 1½l, 7l.
TOTE: DOUBLE: Broncho II, Alverton, £1.30. TREBLE: Blessed Boy, Gala Lad, Habbersuprame. £6.15.

Tennis



High hurdles ahead: Mark Cox, who safely cleared his first obstacle, must now defeat Nastase, Tanner, Borg and then Gerulaitis even to reach the final.

Cox does not want to know forgotten man

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Philadelphia, Jan 23

Richard Stockton and Corrado Barazzutti, seeded ninth and eleventh, were beaten in the first round of the United States indoor tennis championship here today. Stockton, who beat Jimmy Connors in last year's final and served for today's match at 6—5 in the second set, was beaten 3—6, 7—6, 6—4, by Tim Gullikson of Wisconsin. Gullikson, aged 26, leapt to prominence last year (and suddenly acquired a heartening degree of self-confidence) by reaching the Nottingham final. Since then he has given himself a chance against anyone.

Barazzutti, who confounded the seedings by reaching the semi-final round at Forest Hills last September, was similarly confounded himself when Peter Fleming (New Jersey), aged 23, beat him 6—3, 6—7, 6—1. Fleming should have won sooner, because he was serving at 5—4 and 30—0 in the second set. But inner tensions repeatedly induced him to double-fault. This seemed a difficult thing to do, because Fleming rises 6 ft 5 in off the floor without even raising his racket arm. In the third set he was soon so far ahead that the match was over before he had time to start worrying again.

Mark Cox (Surrey) took 90 minutes more than should have been necessary to beat Tom Leonard (California) 7—6, 7—6. Cox looked rusty and vulnerable. He seemed to have trouble finding the right mental gear for a relatively modest task. The ambiance of a vast, thinly-populated stadium at lunchtime was hardly stimulating. The sight of Leonard must have been disconcerting, too. He wore a sunvisor, which was an odd thing for anyone to wear—indoors or outdoors—in a city covered by layers of snow and ice.

Leonard, aged 29, had to qualify. He used to be a familiar figure on the circuit and had a few good results. But he then receded into the obscurity of a three-year coaching career until the threat of a pay cut persuaded him to return to competition last summer.

Yesterday, on an outdoor clay court at Boca Raton in Florida, Borg won £66,000 by beating Connors 7—6, 3—6, 6—1 in the final of a televised four-man event that deprived the more conventional Baltimore tournament of star attractions. A fortnight earlier Borg, who was running a temperature, had been beaten by Connors in the Masters final. Connors served for the first set at 5—3 and had two set points at 5—4 but forehand errors lost him both chances.

Borg was untidy in the second set but in the third he was the sounder of the two on a slow surface that blunted the edge of Connors's more aggressive game. If they justify their seedings here, these two will meet for the third time this month in next Sunday's final, for a first prize of £18,500. Incidentally, 25 of the 48 players in the singles draw here won more than £50,000 in prize money last year.

The Baltimore winner turned out to be Cliff Drysdale, aged 36, whose £13,000 first prize was the biggest he had earned since he left South Africa for his first overseas tour in 1962. When Drysdale arrived here last evening he looked amiably dazed, as if suffering from a mild degree of shock, but rather enjoying it. Inevitably, he bought the beers while blandly riding the punches of congratulatory banter. His first opponent here will be Connors. It is reasonable to suppose that Cox and Drysdale will soon be free to concentrate on their joint endeavours in doubles. Hewitt and McMillan are seeded to win £6,000 by beating Fibak and Okker in the final.

Partners in opposition

Houston, Jan 22.—Martina Navratilova beat Billie-Jean King, 1—6, 6—2, 6—2 here today to win the Virginia Slims tournament. It is the first time in five matches that she has beaten Mrs King and is also the third successive time that she has won the event. She collected $20,000 for her victory.

Virginia Wade beat Betty Stove, 7—5 to finish third. Miss Navratilova and Mrs King teamed up to win the doubles final, beating Mona Guerrant and Greer Stevens, 7—6, 4—6, 7—6.—Reuter.

Chris Anderson, a director of Aberdeen FC, was yesterday appointed a member of the Sports Council. He was nominated by the Secretary of State for Scotland

Barbara Beckett is in an all-Ulster team to play for Ireland against Scotland in a badminton international at Dublin on February 16.

Science report

Medicine: Nicotine in breast fluid

Researchers in California have found that the breast fluid of woman smokers contains traces of nicotine and its breakdown products. Breast fluid is continuously secreted and reabsorbed by the breast tissue of women who are not lactating. Any harmful substance accumulating in breast fluid could therefore pose a hazard to the tissue and it is possible that such a mechanism is the basis for the development of breast cancer.

The research, by Dr Nicholas Petrakis and colleagues at California University, was based on sensitive chemical techniques capable of detecting minute quantities of nicotine. Nicotine is not known to cause cancer, but Dr Petrakis points out that if nicotine reaches breast fluid it is likely that other constituents of tobacco smoke can as well.

There is no known link between smoking and breast cancer, but it is known that breast feeding reduces the risk of breast cancer. Some scientists have speculated that that may be because lactation flushes carcinogens out of the breast tissue. The demonstration that substances present in the blood can be found in breast fluid lends some support to that idea. It would however be difficult to find out about all the possible carcinogens that might find their way into breast fluid because they would be present only in extremely small quantities.

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Berlin refugees

From Our Own Correspondent

Berlin, Jan 21.—The stream of refugees from the eastern zone of Germany continued to pour into western Berlin today, and by this evening 1,000 had crossed the sector boundaries. Prompted by the average influx of over 1,000 a day for the past week or so, west Berlin officials are now taking vigorous action to establish more camps and to urge the federal authorities in Bonn to increase and hasten their reception programme. Since January 1 only 4,705 refugees have been flown out to west Germany—yesterday only 280 went—while 12,234 have come into the western sectors of Berlin, which also hold 125,000 to 150,000 unofficial refugees. The Soviet authorities however are still refraining from extreme measures to cut the city in two and thus stem the flow into what may be likened to an uncorked flask with its neck set towards the east. With the ranks of east German ministries already being combed for "imperialist agents", plans for a new and sweeping investigation of all trade union members in the Soviet zone are now reported to have been drawn up.

Latest wills

Residue for cancer research fund

Mrs Emily Brownhill Jones, of Tettenhall, left £225,163 net. After various bequests she left the residue to Birmingham University cancer research fund.

Miss Aline Clotilda Thornton Barnewall, of Petersfield, left £128,280 net. After various bequests she left her home to the RSPCA, and the residue equally among that body, The Dogs Home, Battersea, the International League for the Protection of Horses, the PDSA, and Le Court Cheshire Home, Greatham, Liss.

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NEB report on new plan for Leyland expected in March

House of Commons

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said he supported everyone at British Leyland, including Mr Michael Edwardes, the chairman, who wished to arrest the decline and improve the company's *share of the market.*

Mr Varley (Chesterfield, Lab) had told Mr Gwilym Roberts (Carnock, Lab)—The chairman of British Leyland will shortly be submitting a revised corporate plan for the National Enterprise Board whose report I expect to receive in March.

Mr Roberts—One major problem at British Leyland is reflected in the fact that the price of the new Mini has trebled in the last five years, a period when the retail price index and average wages *have risen only about twice.* So less and less a proportion of new cars are being bought by individuals.

One solution might be for Leyland not to upmarket but to concentrate on automating production on a more standard make which will *maintain labour at the company* by increasing throughput and decreasing real costs and, perhaps, meeting the need for the second car.

Mr Varley—I hope the British Leyland management will have a model strategy which will command support of the whole workforce and will produce products which the British people will want to buy.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—The "easy rider" plan has been overturned. Will he confirm that the report and recommendations *arising* from the new solution being drawn up will have to be much tougher as a result of all that *has happened*, even if a "no strike" agreement or even a guarantee with the unions is achieved, to try to get back to a *million vehicles a year?*

Mr Varley—The NEB have told me and the Leyland chairman that they wish to see the participation arrangement set in train two and a half years ago strengthened. They wish to ensure a successful company.

It is true that two of the most important ingredients of the Ryder strategy have not been met. They have not held their share of the United market and have not generated sufficient internal resources.

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—When he meets the Leyland chairman will he point out a third criterion—that the money *advanced by this House* was for capital expenditure and not for meeting recurring costs? Was any guarantee given by him or the NEB for the recent drawings by the company?

Mr Varley—The recent drawings were discussed with my department and I understand they will be sufficient until the end of March or thereabouts.

Further financial requirements for Leyland will depend on the revised corporate plan being discussed by the Leyland board, and *its workforce for submission to the* NEB.

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C)—When Mr Varley says he will give unstinted support to the Edwardes plan instead of the Ryder plan, will he do this when the going gets rough and when there are redundancy proposals when necessary, and indeed plant closures, as the CPRS report said *in 1975 were necessary?*

Mr Varley—I wish to support all in the company, including the chairman, who wish to achieve the objectives not only to arrest the decline but to improve their share of the market. Unfortunately that has not happened in the last two years but is being tackled now.

Mr Ian Mikardo (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, Lab)—A chairman, *of whatever qualities* and qualifications, who is on a relatively short secondment from another company and therefore *secure* irrespective of what happens to Leyland, will find it difficult to get full cooperation from managers and workers whose jobs he is putting at risk. This difficult task demands a man of longer and deeper commitment.

Mr Varley—I have said publicly I support Mr Edwardes's appointment. The whole NEB supports it, including the four senior trade union board members. *The best* way to secure British Leyland jobs is to ensure continuity of performance and production.

Sir Keith Joseph, *chief Opposition* spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C)—In view of the obvious difficulty for the Govern*ment in managing nationalized* industries, what does he say about the proposal by the national executive of the Labour Party for a *huge expansion of nationalization* of industries and firms in Labour's programme 1976?

Mr Varley—I am always in favour of the fully worked out policies of the Labour Party, especially those expressed in the 1974 manifestos.

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—What will be the repercussions on Leyland's overseas investments and commitments, especially in South Africa?

Mr Varley—I understand the Leyland board are reviewing all their operations at home and abroad.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham and Crawley, C)—Did Mr Varley personally give any guarantee for any of Leyland's recent £50m loan from the bank?

Mr Varley—That is the responsibility of the NEB. I understand their *arrangements* are satisfactory to those from whom the loans have been received.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) asked what criteria the Secretary of State for Industry identified as necessary to qualify industries for Government assistance by (a) grant, (b) loan, (c) investment, and (d) protection from overseas competition, and *which category* of assistance and qualifying criteria he identified as applying to British Leyland.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab)—Assistance to industry is provided according to statutory purposes and published criteria, in particular under the Industry Acts of 1972 and 1975. This applies to British Leyland, like any other company.

Following the Ryder report British Leyland have received assistance in the form of equity capital *and long-term loans.*

Mr Adley—Will he give an assurance that the willingness of the Government to accept and not to funk the recommendations of the Edwardes's report will be a test of the Government's credibility in trying to get the economy back into some sort of shape following four years of socialism?

Will he give an assurance that the Government will not throw good taxpayers' money after bad in financing car-making establishments like Speke *which* seem more *like schools for* industrial unrest than car plants?

Mr Kaufman—I do not think it is up to politicians to say what can be done. It is for the management to say how they are going to do it. It is then up to the Government to decide how much money they want to put in. That is what the Leader of the Opposition (Mrs Thatcher) said when she visited Cowley two *months ago. I do not know that I* go that far, but she is on the whole on the right lines.

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South-West, C)—Will he accept my congratulations for the brave and sensible words Mr Varley spoke over the weekend in support of the management of British Leyland?

Will he assure us that on this occasion at least Mr Varley has got the support of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and that he will not on this occasion have to un*dergo a humiliating back-down?*

Mr Kaufman—I do not think anybody in the House could quarrel with such statements saying that we have to have a strategy for British Leyland which will arrest the decline and put it on a sound footing; that British Leyland is going to be managed by the management, not the Government; that British Leyland can only succ*eed by producing cars competi*tively, and so on. These sentiments are universally accepted.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)—As well as giving the financing cost of British Leyland can he say how many jobs are involved in British Leyland and how many jobs are involved in the hundreds of component industries in the private sector which supplies components to British Leyland? *Is it still the* Opposition's policy that this should go into liquidation?

Mr Kaufman—The Opposition are bewildered about their policy on Leyland. On the one hand they voted against the rescue of Leyland, but on the other hand when they have by-elections in the Midlands and particularly in Birmingham they pretend that somehow they were saving British Leyland. The Conservatives would like to wreck a good deal of this country's manufacturing industry.

Mr Kenneth Clark, an Opposition spokesman on industry (Rushcliffe, C)—The Opposition accept the sentiments of the Secretary of State expressed in his weekend interview. We simply want to see *whether on this occasion* he can carry the Cabinet and the Labour movement. At least the Goverument have realized the folly of the Ryder plan which appears to have *been abandoned.*

Mr Kaufman—The Ryder plan is being looked at again—(Laughter)—by the new chairman. That is sensible—just as the Conservative Party when they published their White Paper on steel in 1973 said—that such plans had to be flexible and subject to the course of events. It is the same for any industrial plans.

I am glad to see that the Opposition are regaining a little of the flexibility they lost between 1970 and 1974.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: *Medical Bill, report* stage. Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order. Debate on EEC Committee report on equality of treatment for men in women in social security matters.

What the industrial strategy is about

Investment in industry last year rose by 7 per cent and on making certain calculations for the final quarter it was higher than in 1972 and 1973, Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Industry, said *during question time.*

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshalton, C)—According to figures from his department since the Government came to power in March, 1974, the United Kingdom is the only major industrialized *country to have merely staggered* back to where it was in terms of manufacturing output per employee at that time.

This underlines the damage done to industrial productivity by the mistaken and sometimes vindictive policies of the Government, *especially during their first two years.*

Mr Williams—The overwhelming message that came from the 40 sector working parties in the industrial strategy was that the essential prerequisite for solving the problems of industry was *getting the economic climate right.*

An item in *The Observer* yesterday pointed out that shares are up, reserves up, inflation down, in*terest down, medium-term loans at* their lowest rate for a number of years, the country is earning its keep for the first time in many years and foreigners are *putting* their money into this country. The IMF have indicated we are making better progress than they expected.

That is not the assessment of some wild socialist but of Barclays Bank in their advertisement.

Mr Peter Fry (Wellingborough, C)—The industrial performance is *still disappointing.* Without the benefit of North Sea oil the posi*tion would not be as cheerful as* the minister and his colleagues make out.

What is his attitude to the *proposals* for extension of Government interference as outlined in the Labour Party's 1976 plans?

Mr Williams—Sir Keith Joseph, chief Opposition spokesman on industry, has said the Government should not be giving financial sup*port to successful private enter*prise, in which case the Ford project recently announced would be taking place in Ireland and not Britain.

Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden, C)—What is the purpose of the industrial strategy if it is not to achieve some sizable increase in output and make some dent upon the appalling figures for *unemployment which this Govern*ment have produced?

Mr Williams—The Opposition seem unaware that we have been in a major recession like the rest of the world. Of course the industrial strategy has to be directed to the long-term improvement for industry. It is a medium and longer term policy.

On February 1 there will be a discussion in the National Economic Development Council on the latest proposals which will be coming forward from the sector work*ing parties which in their interim* form indicated that by 1980 they were capable of improving their market performance by £5,000m. That is what the industrial strategy is about.

Mr Ronald Atkins (Preston, North, Lab)—*The performance of British* industrial productivity since 1884 is unsatisfactory. This problem has nothing to do with one party or the other but a weakness in private enterprise in this country.

Mr Williams—It is a valid contention that productivity has suffered from the alternating stops and gos of our economy under successive governments. This has affected the attitude of the investor and the working man to new investment.

The important thing is that last year investment rose by 7 per cent. *On making certain calculations for* the final quarter investment last year in real terms is higher than it was in 1972 and 1973. The Conservatives never managed to achieve again the levels of investment attained in 1970.

Sir Keith Joseph, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C)—Does he think the proposals in *Labour's Programme 1976 will make things better or* worse?

Mr Williams—Those were proposals for discussion. The Labour Government's policy is spelt out in their manifesto and as our record has shown, it is carried out during the period of Labour Government.

Tory attacks armchair ride into UK market for Europe's farmers

Green currencies were never intended to insulate the food prices of each EEC member state against the effects of an enduring and substantial drop in the value of its currency, Mr John Peyton, Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Yeovil, C) said. They were intended as a transitional measure to ease the adjustment of EEC countries to changes in the market values of their currencies.

Earlier he had moved: "That this House, believing that it is as *much in the interests of the con*sumer as of the producer to sustain the livestock industry, calls on the Government to devalue the green pound forthwith by 7½ per cent."

He said whatever the result of the vote on the motion, opposition parties could take a degree of satisfaction that their concerted action had forced the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Mr John Silkin) to do something at last.

The Government had made a move which was not as much as required, but bigger than anything previously contemplated.

The United Kingdom was the only country in the EEC which had allowed so substantial a discrepancy between the two currencies to exist for so long.

The advantages had been shared between their own consumers and the continental and Irish livestock producers. These were outweighed by the disadvantages, which had been shared by the European tax*payers*, who included Britain, and British producers and the nation, who had to accept an addition to *the food import bill of £1,000m* over 1977, and £2,000m since 1974.

Mr Silkin would have been better advised had he sought gradually to close the *considerable* gap between the green rate and the real rate. He was wrong to allow anything like this large gap to become part of the fabric.

Whereas it would be wrong to lay down a detailed programme for the elimination of the remainder of the discrepancy, nevertheless they ought to aim to eliminate something which would do grave damage if allowed to continue over the next two or three years.

There had been some exaggerated reaction to the suggestions *of the Opposition. Nothing would* happen in a hurry because there were stocks to be used up, and it took a long time before farm price *increases* worked their way through to the shops. When fully felt they were likely to add up to 1p in the pound on the food index.

The European producer had been the beneficiary. He had been given an armchair ride into the *United Kingdom market. The Gov*ernment's failure over many months to make a substantial move on the green pound had assured *the continental and Irish producer* of the payment of a substantial amount from the Commission.

The effect of the monetary compensatory amounts had been to restore to the foreign exporter the 30 per cent or so by which the pound fell in value as against other currencies. The British producer meanwhile had received no such payment. He had been paid in pounds which had been through the wringer of inflation. He was not recovering his cost increases.

In these circumstances it was *hardly surprising* what had happened to imports. German butter, which used to be imported here in negligible quantities a few years ago, had reached the sizable proportion of 50,000 tons.

Irish beef imports into this country doubled in value in 1977. The Danish share of Britain's bacon market was likely to rise from 43 to 48 per cent; the Dutch *share* was also increasing. This left the pig producer of this country with a share of his own market which was hovering around 40 per cent and going down.

The situation created by the Government's obdurate refusal to devalue the green pound had reversed the natural order of things.

The European taxpayers had been paying a substantial contribution to United Kingdom food costs, averaging over £1m a day. How did the minister reconcile so mendi*cant an attitude with the recent* boasts of some of his colleagues about the new economic strength of this country (Conservative cheers.)

We should ask ourselves (he said) what would our reaction be if other countries sought to take us for this kind of ride? (Labour shouts of "They have".)

The Opposition motion was intended to call attention to the situation of the United Kingdom livestock industry and the processors of its products, and to the damage which had been sustained by that industry by present policies. The effects of this were such as to involve risks and dangers to the consumer which ought not to be accepted.

The producers and processors had had the galling experience of seeing their own market taken over not by people whose costs were lower than theirs but by people with higher costs. They had seen their competitive advantage taken away as a result of MCAs which were payable as a direct consequence of the minister's refusal to devalue the green pound.

The wholesale cost of beef in *Ireland was* £1.29 a kilo deadweight. The comparable price in Britain was £1.10, but for United Kingdom producers the competitive *advantage was more than* swept away by an MCA of 29.5

The pig price in Denmark was 11 per cent above Britain's but an MCA of nearly £250 a ton on bacon more than removed the competitive advantage from British consumers.

Butter was coming in in large quantities from Germany which in normal circumstances would be hopelessly uncompetitive.

In-gilt pigs were down by 27 per cent and in-calf heifers by 12 per cent and there were fewer cattle and calves *than in any of the past* five years. There were fewer pigs than in three of the past four years, and the pig breeding herd in *1976 was likely to be the smallest* for 16 years.

Such recovery as there had been in agriculture must be judged against the background of two drought years but the livestock producers had been fenced off in large part and had not been allowed to participate in the recovery because of imports. (Labour protests.)

"If farmers are to invest they need a degree of assurance about future returns", the Government had said in *Food from our own Resources.* No doubt those words had been used in good faith but that good faith had proved infinitely perishable.

The Conservatives had repeatedly put to the minister that if he had earlier been willing to accept a *reasonable measure of* devaluation of the green pound he could then have had a recalculation of the MCAs. He had challenged the minister to produce satisfactory evidence that that allegation was unfounded.

Mr John Silkin—I have told the House and quoted from a letter from the Danish Government in which they said that the two issues were not in the least related and that they were going to fight recalculation of the MCAs.

Mr Peyton—When he attained his present office, Mr Silkin started arguing about this. He had a chance, if he had been willing to *devalue the green pound, of* getting agreement to discuss the whole basis of the calculation of the MCAs.

Mr Silkin—That letter predates any argument we had about the green pound.

Mr Peyton—If that is the best he can do—(Conservative cheers)—by way of rebuttal of the charge I am making and the suspicions we harbour I find it unacceptable. (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

The Opposition had put down this motion as an expression of their belief that the Government had treated this country's livestock industry in a way in which no *other European government would* have treated its livestock industry. The Government had treated the livestock industry in a way in which they had treated no other industry in this country. (Further Conservative cheers.)

In doing so the Government had taken grave risks involving not just production and the balance of payments but those consumers the *Government claimed so busily they* cared for so much.

Conservatives and other opposition parties believed that the Government had fully earnt, and he hoped they would receive, the blame of the House tonight. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

Large fall in green pound would have brutal effect on consumers

Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab) moved a Government amendment to make Mr Peyton's motion read:

"That this House, recognizing the special difficulties of the producers of pigmeat and beef, approves the action of the Government in requesting the Commission to propose an immediate devalua*tion of the green pound by 5 per* cent as part of a move in the course of 1978 to increase the net income of such producers by 10 per cent, an amount which corresponds to the guidelines figure in the Government's incomes policy."

He said the fall in agriculture output in 1976 was the direct result of the worst drought this country had suffered in 500 years. If the Opposition wished to blame the Government for the fall in production that resulted from the drought, it seemed only fair that they should give the Government equal credit for the rise in output of 25 per cent in 1977 that followed with the help of the better weather *of last year.*

This rise was so dramatic that it gave the agricultural industry as a whole the best year's production *for four years—very nearly a* record. Last year, labour productivity reached a record level, cereals production was also at a record level—some *3,700,000 tonnes* greater than in 1976—milk production was at a record level—about 4.5 per cent up on 1976—sugar beet was expected to yield nearly one million tonnes of white sugar and potato production had increased by more than a third.

All these results were excellent but most people would look upon farmers' income as the best criterion of all. Excluding stock appreciation, this figure in current monetary terms represented an increase of 16 per cent in 1977.

Nobody knew better than he the difficulties caused by the unfairly high level of the monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) sub*sidy paid on British imports of* bacon and other processed pigmeat. EEC competitors could sell bacon in the British market at a price which gave them a good return but was too low to allow Britain's curers to trade profitably and pay producers their price for their raw materials. Declining production and increasing unemployment became inevitable.

He agreed that last summer and autumn the availability of Irish beef with a large MCA undermined wholesale prices in the United *Kingdom. An unstable market did* hinder producers in forward planning. This had been the basis for his continued advocacy of a dual system of support, with premiums rather than intervention alone.

Other countries had a vested interest in the present method of calculating MCAs. But he would keep fighting for change. In the circumstances and in the absence of the ability to take other national measures, the only possible remedy was to devalue the green pound. A large devaluation would help pigmeat curers and processors.

It would adjust the MCA payments on imports and probably lead to an increase in the market price for bacon and other products. Beef producers would welcome it. They hoped that reducing MCAs would stimulate better market prices.

But the green pound was a blunt instrument. Firstly, it must apply throughout the United Kingdom *though problems might* differ in different parts. There were specific problems in Northern Ireland, for instance. But he rejected out of hand *any suggestion of an all-Ire*land green pound. Also, the effect of devaluation itself was uneven in agriculture. It meant rises in feed costs for livestock producers.

For those for whom devaluation did not provide an automatic increase in returns the position was even more serious. The cost of producing eggs and poultry would go up and these producers would not experience any counter-vailing benefits. The British Poultry Federation were concerned at the effects an over-large devaluation would have on consumption.

If a large devaluation was of doubtful benefit to large parts of the agricultural industry its effect *on the consumer would be brutal.*

He shared the belief that they should produce more of their own food. That view did not always go unchallenged in Brussels. He was not prepared to agree to so large an increase in the prices of food that, while production of good was encouraged, its consumption was positively discouraged.

Is that not (he said) exactly what is wrong with the present workings of the CAP? (Labour cheers.)

He still believed that recalculation of pigmeat MCAs was the right solution and would continue to pursue it. But in present circumstances a modest devaluation had become their best option.

A 5 per cent devaluation would help pigmeat processors by reducing the MCAs on bacon by £43 a tonne—about 18 per cent. He judged it right to make this devaluation despite the effects on pig producers' feed costs because it would help processors.

Pig producers' returns had started to improve in recent *months but the squeeze on the* processors had grown more severe and, taking account of all their problems including the effects on employment, the position must be relieved.

The devaluation would also have benefits for beef production. It would offer producers the prospect of better support levels future and should counte present fall in the beef would reduce the MCA beef by just under 3p a li 20 per cent—and would firm up the market.

In his judgment this taken together with the per cent increase in the l price as a result of the las ional step, was sufficient lize the market withou effects on consumption.

The Liberal early day called for a 10 pe devaluation—but not imr —over the next 12 months the Opposition motion Government amendment such a proposition.

Whatever devaluation w now must be done as selec possible so that it was benefit of livestock f above all and did not whit the advantage to them by up their costs.

If that was the case facin change in the calculation would be more effective further green pound dev He had proposed to the sion that the devaluatio apply immediately only to stock sector and that a sectors should wait until of their marketing year.

In the case of cereals th mean a postponement unti 1. This gave them the a time to keep the whole under review until the la mer, well within the 12 suggested by the Liberal P

*In making that propos*a weighed carefully the ef consumers. He was relu make any increase in foo *but believed the case for* pigmeat was now overri consumers were better p cope with the price because inflation was b under firm control.

He estimated that the e the 5 per cent devaluatio in the way he had propos sented an increase of 1 pe food prices in 12 months'

Given the difficulties of stock industry, the Gove decision was the right on the privilege of Opposi table short-term op motions like the present was for the Government their decisions on the basi they genuinely believed the interests of the nation

The Opposition had t little fling in tabling the m

Let them (he said) nov of the way and enable us out the real strategy o change in the CAP th urgently required. I ask t to reject the motion and the Government's am (Loud Labour cheers.)

Action on CAP 'has made position wor

*Sir David Renton (Huntingdon*shire, C) said that after three and a half years of abortive effort by the Government the changes in the CAP had not improved the position. They had made it worse.

The minister should note the opinion of the parties in the Commons. If the Commons favoured a 7.5 per cent devaluation, would Mr Silkin go to Brus*sels and meet the wishes of the* House and ask for a 7.5 per cent devaluation? If he would not, did he propose to resign?

Mr Silkin—Perhaps he will explain on what basis he thinks that the Opposition motion is going to win?

Sir David Renton said that in accordance with normal parliamentary practice the House was entitled *to know where the minister* stood before the decision was taken. He was surprised and sorry that Mr Silkin had ducked that vital question.

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) said the damage to this country from EEC membership was not measured in short-term manipulations of the green pound but the extent to *which British food prices were* above world prices.

As a result of EEC membership essential food in Britain was *already taxed at rates of something* like 50 or 100 per cent. If the policy of the Opposition were forward all of the subsidies would be wiped out and there would soon be a tax of about 100 per cent on all major food stuffs.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) said the Dutch and the Danish had been aggressive in the importing of bacon into Britain and were being joined by the Irish who were increasing their pig herd at a dramatic rate. The import penetration of 55 per cent would increase.

Britain's own breeding herd had gone down by 20 per cent and the number of gilts was down by 25 per cent compared with a year ago. *If the trend continued there might* be a temporary level when slaughterings were taking place and processing factories seemed not to be doing too badly. But if it continued for two years processing factories would close and never reopen.

*They would be helping the minis*ter if they carried the motion. If he went into the current round of negotiations with a 7.5 per cent devaluation then the grudge born by their EEC partners would disappear.

Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Hempstead, Lab) said this move was being made at a time when the British people were being asked for the third year to operate a voluntary pay restraint policy. No one in the farming industry could expect to be insulated from the economic blizzard through which the country had passed.

Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan, L) said the industry must expand and *farmers' net incomes must increase* at a reasonable rate. They must put back the incentive into farming. There had been an encouraging *trend recently in greater* understanding of farmers' problems by the British consumer. They had come to understand the value and importance of farmers' efforts to the economy.

If they had 10 per cent devaluation of the green pound, the cost of food would go up by 2p in the pound, not now but during the coming year or the beginning of next year.

The minister should give an assurance that if he accepted a Community sheepmeat regime, he would keep the guaranteed price system with the regime. It had served them well for 25 years. The intervention system was a complete waste of taxpayers' money.

The pig sector was suffering particularly from unfair competition. *It was there that there must be* assistance on parity with other producing countries within the EEC. The shackles of the green pound and MCAs were gradually destroying all vestiges of confidence and immediate steps must be taken to save this sector from extinction.

He agreed with many of the sentiments expressed by the minister, *but Liberal MPs wished to see* a devaluation of the green pound by 10 per cent within the next 12 months. Unless they got a firm *promise from the Government that* such a devaluation could be achieved, with a definite date fixed, and there seemed to be no sign of that at present, they must oppose the Government on this vital matter. They owed it to the agricultural industry and in the long term to the British consumer.

Mr Andrew Welsh (South Angus, Scot Nat) said the green pound *was at the root of the industry's* failure to compete. Government policy was creating a vacuum. The more home production declined *the more that vacuum would be* filled by subsidized food dumping from abroad. Once lost these home agricultural markets would not be easy to regain.

Mr Mark Hughes (Durham, Lab) said by concentrating the attention of press and public exclusively on the green pound the farmers' interests in Britain had done a disservice. There was a much more complex series of relationships including the means of calculating MCAs, the problem of the basis of the unit of account, and the difficulty of what to do with surpluses.

Mr Gwynfor Evans (Carmarthen, Pl Cymru) said that had Mr Silkin agreed to a modest 4 per cent green pound devaluation when he took over, to help the farmers through the awful drought period, he would have readily been granted a number of concessions. His cry for a change in the method of calculating the pigmeat MCAs was an example.

Mr Richard Body (Holl Boston, C) said food con was going down, an aları for all those concerned fish agriculture. The gre was in meat consumptio had fallen to the level it v 1950s just after the end rationing. Any devaluatic green pound was likely erate that fall in consumr

He accepted devaluati take place; he saw no ho minister persuading the C Ministers to change the *MCAs so long as there* club on the Continent w export pigmeat to Brit determined to get a hol *British market.*

Miss Joan Maynard (S Brightside, Lab) said the be doing the agricultural and consumers the greates they were discussing to quickly they could get o EEC.

A system that geared the least efficient produ thereby created mountains was crazy.

Mr Joseph Godber (Gran said Britain could never sufficient in food, but in the EEC she joined a co which in total should be s cient. As full members *Community Britain should* part by securing Commun levels designed to deter s and avoid shortages. Britai give her farmers the same support and encourage their counterparts in Eu produce on level terms wit

Mr William Ross (Lond UU) said if MPs were changes in the CAP th realize that the present fo policies of the EEC did n subsidized food production fore they must have *notional freedom. As an c* of the EEC he would support Mr Silkin in seek greater national freedom. *protect the home producer* otherwise the United I would have no bargaining p

The Ulster Unionists w pared to strengthen Mr hand by giving him a bloc tonight if the need arose. M must always be able to s colleagues in Europe th House of Commons was no with many aspects of EE production and food policy

Mr Alexander Lyon (Yor said MPs should not hol minister when he went to to negotiate by makir devalue the green pound r throw away an important r ing instrument.

Mr Charles Morrison (Dev said the Government prete debate was simply about trying to further their c terests *at the expense o* pressed consumers. But about the interests of both ies.

Chrysler to get no more state aid: future in hands of chairman and workers

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry (Chesterfield, Lab), agreed at question time that it was up to the chairman and workers at Chrysler to make the company pro*ductive, and there was no question* of any more public money being given to the company in excess of the existing agreement.

Mr Kenneth Clark (Rushcliffe, C) said—In the year 1977 Chrysler are not going to meet the £3,400,000 profits estimated at the time of the rescue or the £300,000 profit in the recent planning agreement, but is likely to lose £22m and the taxpayers will have to find £10m.

Can Mr Varley give an assurance that there is no question of any more public money being given to this company in excess of the existing agreement, and that it *is now entirely up to the manage*ment and workforce of Chrysler to make this a productive concern?

Mr Varley—I can give that assurance.

Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdeenshire, Scot Nat)—There is considerable consternation at Linwood over the decision announced last week by the Chrysler company that the new model will not be built there.

Mr Varley—I understand that the model promised by Chrysler (UK) is being discussed with officials of my department. Proposals have not yet been put to me. I hope to be able to say something about it in due course.

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—Will he confirm *that the 13-point plan agreed by* the company and its unions provides a satisfactory basis on which to go forward.

Mr Varley—The 1977 proposals have not been fully met although it was always envisaged it would be a struggle.

Wait-and-see plea on new anti-racial law

Mr Samuel Silkin, Attorney General, said at *question time he had* assured Mr David Lane, Chairman of the Commission on Racial Equality, of his continued intention to enforce *firmly the anti-incitement* provisions of the Public Order Act and to authorize prosecutions in appropriate cases.

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingshire, Lab) had asked if Mr Silkin would arrange to meet Mr Lane to discuss the implications "of the recent judgment of Judge McKinnon acquitting Mr Kingsley Read".

Mr Silkin—I met Mr Lane for that purpose on January 11.

Mr Canavan—Did Mr Silkin dis*cuss with Mr Lane whether the* 1976 Race Relations Act is strong enough to convict pedlars of racial hatred such as Kingsley Read?

Does he agree that the Tories do nothing to help in the cause of racial harmony in this country by *defending people like Judge McK*innon, by refusing to take part in an all-party campaign against racialism, and by mounting their own campaign to bash immigrants, just like the National Front?

Mr Silkin—We discussed a number of matters *arising out of the Kings*ley Read case and among other matters I assured Mr Lane of my continuing intention to enforce firmly the anti-incitement provisions of the Public Order Act and to authorize prosecutions in appropriate cases.

As to the efficacy of the amendment of that law under the recent legislation, we shall have to judge that as cases come forward.

I must leave the Opposition to answer for themselves.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Why do all *his hon friends* make a great deal of noise about Judge McKinnon but do not appear to have commented about *the deplorable and* disgraceful comment by the Foreign Secretary (Dr Owen) in Brussels in relation to the direct elections Bill *when he said Britain* was the "only nigger in the woodpile". Should that not be deplored? (Laughter.)

Mr Silkin—If he really wants a sensible reply, I suggest he puts a question to the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) asked how many members of the judiciary had been dismissed from office in the past 15 years to the nearest available date? What procedures had to be instituted in order to achieve such a dismissal?

Mr Silkin—None in England and Wales, where the procedure for dismissal varies according to the judicial office.

Judges of the Supreme Court hold office during good behaviour, subject to the power of removal by her Majesty on an address presented by both Houses of Parliament. Circuit judges may be removed from office by the Lord Chancellor on the grounds of incapacity or misbehaviour.

Mr Smith—Members of the judiciary should be always independent of the executive. Political pressure from whatever quarter should never be applied on the judiciary, if we are going to uphold the tenets of our democracy.

Mr Silkin—Of course the whole purpose of the provisions of the *Public Courts Act, 1971, restricting* the removal of circuit judges was to ensure the independence of the judiciary. Nobody that I know has *ever doubted that the judiciary* should be independent.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—If after the murder of an Asian youth a self-confessed racialist could tell a meeting "one down, a million to go", does it not mean that all racial legislation can be flouted with impunity?

Will he consider amending this Act to prevent this kind of thing happening again?

Mr Silkin—Most certainly there is no doubt whatever in my mind and that of many people that that observation is not only grossly offensive but an observation which caused immense harm to race rela*tions.*

We have to wait and see how the new legislation resulting from the amendment works out. It only came into operation in June last and no cases have yet been heard.

But certainly I shall watch it. I shall consult with the Home Secretary, whose ministerial responsibility it is to amend the law, and I shall certainly let him know what my views are.

Mr Patrick Mayhew (Royal Tunbridge Wells, C)—In view of the terms of the call for the judge's dismissal in this case, is it not fair and right to recall that he was misleadingly reported in certain sections of the press? He withdrew no issue from the jury and left open to the jury the decision as to the effect of the words which Mr Read used. He was ultimately acquitted not by the judge but by the jury. (Interruptions.)

Mr Silkin—Whatever view anybody may take about the summing up as a whole, it is certainly true that certain of the remarks which were quoted in the press were quoted out of context.

Mr Arthur Latham (City of Westminster, Paddington, Lab)—In discussing the independence of the judiciary, does this mean judges should be known to be impartial and not political?

Would he indicate to the House *whether he has made my represen*tations to the Lord Chancellor that he feels no jury or legislation would be proof against the behaviour and partisan advice given by Judge McKinnon?

The Speaker (Mr George *Thomas)—He left to the end of the* question the reflection on the advice given to the jury. That sort of comment can only be made in a debate on a motion, which we do not have before us.

Mr Latham—I withdraw any impu*tation which is against parliamen*tary practice. Is it in order to ask whether the Attorney General has made representations to the Lord Chancellor about a particular judgment?

The Speaker—You can ask a question in *general with no reflection* on the judge.

Mr Silkin—I have consulted with the Lord Chancellor about many matters.

Aid to private industry

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Industry what was the total sum that had been made available to the private sector of industry from public funds in the form of grants *and concessionary-rate loans since* February, 1974.

Mr Robert Cryer, Under Secretary (*Keighley, Lab*)—*It is estimated* that since February 1974 payments of about £1,062m for grants and £126m for *concessionary-rate loans* have been made under the Industry Act, 1972, to the private sector of industry. The total figure of £1,188m is at outturn prices and is net of repayments.

In addition £357m in the form of regional employment premium has been paid over this period.

Help for ships order

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C) asked the Secretary of State for Industry whether finance from the Shipbuilding Intervention Fund was being used to subsidize *the six 15,500 tons deadweight dry* cargo vessels being supplied to the Indian Government by British Shipbuilders Limited.

Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under-Secretary, in a written reply, said—Negotiations for the supply of these ships have not yet been completed, but British Shipbuilders are expected to require some assistance from the Intervention Fund to secure the orders.

Government defeats by 11 and 10 votes

Mr Michael Jopling (Westmorland, C), an Opposition spokesman on agriculture, winding up, said they did not see green pound devaluation as the only way of helping production. They wanted to see the *minister succeed in his endeavours* to alter the calculation of the pigmeat MCAs. They had always welcomed the moderate use of beef *premiums within the CAP* but were convinced that they should not be the basis of the agricultural support system in Britain.

Before Labour MPs started hoping the country could move back to a system of deficiency payments *they should calculate just how* expensive it would be. He believed it would cost not much short of £1,000m a year. It would also mean the loss of £1m a day through MCAs.

If consumers wanted reasonably assured supplies of food at fair prices their best bet in the long run was to back home sources of food supply. This must be done as a partnership between consumer and producer.

Mr Gaving Strang, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Edinburgh, East, Lab) said it was nonsense to pretend, as the Tories had, that there was something disreputable about our holding the green pound at a level which was reasonable and avoided an explosion of food prices.

The Opposition's policy was to give those agricultural sectors which had been doing well even *more increases.* That was not the policy of the Government and not one which made sense.

If there was one group that had not been hard-pressed during the period of incomes policy it was the cereal growers, whom the Opposi*tion wished to reward, among* others.

If there was a basis for any concern it related to the livestock sector, but not to the whole livestock sector. Milk producers had done well. They had had higher net returns in 1977 than for a long time.

The position in the beef industry was a matter of concern. It would be helped by the reduction in the MCAs. They should not pretend that they had a crisis on the scale they had in 1974. Prices had firmed up.

They accepted there was a matter of concern in the pigmeat industry but the position had improved a bit recently. Reduction in feed costs had helped the position but there was still a need for further help, particularly in processing.

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The Commission support Government's proposed 5 devaluation.

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Social Focus

Dr Carter's casebook: a day in the life of a GP

It is 8.30 am and the glass-panelled doors of the ...ses' hostel are banging in wind; each time they open ...y let a blast of air into the ...erted hall, which loosens a ... more pine needles from the ...bby Christmas tree. Dr ...nes Carter, GP for the hostel, ...already in the small office ...aside for his visits. He has ...y two patients this morning: ... Malaysian sister with a ...ained wrist, and a sleepy-...cing junior nurse who is ...ried about her cough. He ...ds both for X-rays. No one ... appears. He leaves in a ... of measured rush, through ... rain—now falling hard—to ... beige Rover in the car park.

As if to confirm this a sad-looking, ageless woman, with a headscarf tied tightly under her chin, comes in. Much pressing by the doctor reveals that she has stopped taking the Tryptizol he prescribed for her depression. "Why?" "Because I felt anaesthetized. Becalmed. My reactions were slowed down, so that when I was out with the children I misinterpreted the traffic lights and crossed on a red light. When I went on holiday I felt all right without them." "Why?". Dr Carter asks again. It takes her a while to answer. She gazes around at the ivory masks and animals, and Tyrolean flags, that Dr Carter has accumulated from holidays abroad. There is a reassuring chaos in the room: books, files, a few children's toys, medical samples, a newspaper cartoon on some obscure medical question framed on one wall. Finally she says: "Because there were no pressures." Dr Carter offers her a different anti-depressant, Nardil, one that means she will not be able to eat cheese, Marmite, Bovril, Oxo, or broad beans, or drink Chianti. "I'll have to take macaroni cheese off the menu", she says sadly, seemingly without irony.

A man with boils on his face barely has time to sit down before he is out again with a prescription for an ointment; there are then two children with coughs, and a 16-year-old, silent and agonizingly shy girl whose mother will not let her take the pill, even though it is for a pain rather than contraception. "Will your mother come and talk to me about it?" asks Dr Carter. "No", says the girl miserably, blushing. He gives her a different sort of pill. He knows the mother; she has a second child with three brain tumours. All these visits last no more than a couple of minutes, and all generate new appointments. With 10,000 patients on the health centre panel, it is not hard to see why each patient is cleverly urged out of the room within a couple of minutes, though Dr Carter gives no outward impression of rush. He has calculated that he has 30 minutes a year to spend on each of his patients.

It is 10.30 and the waiting room is full. There is a weather-beaten old man asleep on the corner of a bench, and the room smells of urine and damp wool; each arriving patient shakes off rain from coats and umbrellas. Outside it is almost dark. There is a baby in a snow suit four times too big, asleep on a girl's lap, and two quarrelling children. No one talks.

Next, a girl wanting to change doctors appears. Dr Carter conceals the suspicion he feels about these changes and asks her routine questions. Is she married? Yes. Children? No. How old is she? Thirty-three. Her husband? Thirty-five. Does she smoke? What infectious illness? Convinced by her reasons for wanting to switch, that she is not after a doctor she can harass, she is taken on. "Will I always see you?" she asks. He tells her that she will, if she asks for him. The demand, it seems, is unusual: only 15 per cent of his patients insist on him personally. Dr Carter has not given the impression of taking much in; but as she leaves the room he wonders why at 33, married, she has no children. "These are just things I file in my mind for later".

Mrs Flood is in her late 40s, with hennaed hair, a great number of layers of clothes, and a strong Irish accent. She is a private patient because like most of Dr Carter's 150 paying patients she lives outside his catchment area and wants him as her doctor. She has come to discuss a backache. "Is it lumbago, doctor?" she asks, her layer of underclothes peeled down like an artichoke. "No, it's fibrositis", says Dr Carter. "I'm not eating, doctor". "I want you to have a blood test". "What are you looking for? Is it cancer you're looking for, doctor?" No, Dr Carter says, it is not cancer.

Mrs Flood has had four operations: two for tuberculosis and two for ulcers. After she leaves, the doctor asks whether there was a funny smell about her. He thought she had been drinking. A lot of people ask him about cancer; the worry, he says, is about the indignity of the death, not the dying. Mrs Flood probably does not have cancer; nor does she have fibrositis—the term means no more than backache, but the jargon is reassuring. "I try to cure my patients, not illnesses", says Dr Carter. He is a keen student of the doctor's role, and of its limitations. "We were trained to think everything was solvable medically. It took me years to see the failures."

A woman with a rash on her face is followed by Mrs Smith, dressed in well-ironed gaberdine trousers and high necked sweater; her eyes look permanently downwards. She is a cashier in a bank. Dr Carter knows her well. She had tuberculosis before she was 20, then cancer of the ovaries. She has had a hysterectomy and radium treatment. She grew up in an orphanage, moved to live with her father just in time to see him die, slowly, of cirrhosis. Her stepmother has never liked her. She is married, but says she cannot sleep with her husband. She is just 32. She makes statements abruptly, dispassionately. Dr Carter does not press her. Finally he suggests a specialist in sexual problems. She keeps saying it is useless. "It is in cases like this that I am at a loss", says Dr Carter when she has left. What can I suggest?" This is one of his few referrals: unless there is a problem he really cannot understand, or if doctor and patient need a rest from each other, he prefers to handle cases himself.

That is the last morning appointment. It is 11.15. The outer door of the health centre shuts, the inside ones open. The doctors meet in the corridor, go to makes themselves coffee in the common room they share with the health visitors, the midwife, and the receptionists. It is a system that suits them all, this sharing of the work and the problems: and it is highlighted this morning by the news that, owing to a bureaucratic reorganization, one of the health visitors is to go. She is a young frizzy-haired girl, and she is furious. Dr Carter agrees to see what he can do. There is an after-school atmosphere round the kettle.

It does not last long. Dr Carter now has under an hour in which to dictate his letters and handle the administrative side of the practice before leaving on his rounds. Today the time is cut back still further by a visit from a local housing officer who wants his opinion on whether to install a lift for a woman who has a mentally deficient five-year-old daughter, and a Down's syndrome baby. Dr Carter advises strongly against it; the risk of accident is too great. They discuss the alternatives. Put the child in a home? Move the kitchen to the ground floor. The discussion takes 20 minutes and nothing is solved.

The only visit this Monday is to a doss-house where a 19-year-old Jamaican boy is lying on a top bunk in a bare but clean dormitory. He is alone. The room is very hot, and there is a bright neon light. The girl who runs the hostel is brisk. Dr Carter wakes the boy and has trouble getting answers. The boy is monosyllabic, inaudible under his army issue blanket. At last he says his throat hurts. A quick examination, and Dr Carter diagnoses tonsilitis. He leaves a prescription with the girl at the door. His manner this morning has not varied: friendly, mildly ironical but not humorous, open. He is imperturbable, but he does not patronize. His clothes, like his car, are expensive, but not flashy: the professional man's pin-stripe suit and wide-striped shirt. He leaves in time to drive to the hospital postgraduate centre where he runs a weekly seminar for 16 junior hospital doctors.

They are already waiting, 14 men and two women, in a semi-circle of hard backed chairs. Dr Carter has prepared and photocopied a set of notes for each, a case study of a real family he is treating, condensed rather than expanded since, as he points out, life in medical matters is far richer than fiction.

He takes the seminar in a jocular tone, but firmly. It is his one chance, he says, of proving that ordinary GPs have much to teach hospital doctors, and that they are not as is too often assumed, the ignorant poor relations of the profession. Mrs X has a urinary infection. What do they suggest? An X-ray? Absurd. A course of antibiotics? Then what? He gives them a hard time.

At 4 pm Dr Carter winds up the class, walks through the car park behind the hospital in the still pouring rain to his car, for his weekly visit to a local hostel for delicate children. He is their GP and nine of the 28 children have some problem to bring him. They are waiting in the hall, quarrelling in an amiable and rather bored way among themselves. Occasional fights break out. There is a smell of disinfectant. The first boy has verrucas, the second has been sick, the third is wetting his bed. The children are very familiar with medical terms, sophisticated beyond their years, full of jargon and opinions on their own health. The last to come is a girl on the pill; she wants to come off it. "What will you do instead?" asks Dr Carter. "I don't know." Joanna is 16, with pebble glasses and wedge-heel shoes. "Do you want to come and see me at the centre?" She shrugs. "OK." "Why are you here and not at home?" She answers at once: "I fight with my mum. I make her ill." The head of the hostel is a former naval officer, a smiling and rumpled figure in shabby clothes.

A 'phone call to the health centre to check that nothing urgent is waiting for him at evening surgery, and Dr Carter's official day is over. Unofficially there is likely to be a lot more work: Dr Carter is a police surgeon and on duty one evening in five. A call on his car radio or at home will bring him to one of the seven police stations he covers. The previous night he had a case of impetigo in an Italian girl arrested for shoplifting, a woman's head to stitch (she had fallen down drunk and cut herself), and a body to examine, a man with a butcher's knife in his stomach. The man's girl-friend said he had killed himself. The wound convinced Dr Carter the story was true: the cut was done in such a way that only the man himself could have made it. In his role as forensic expert, as opposed to ordinary doctor, he confirms the story. Later he will give evidence at the inquest.

This Monday night there is no message waiting, so he sets off to make his last housecall on a private patient of 79 who is worried because her 80-year-old husband refuses to have a birthday party. Reassuring her that the man is not senile takes 35 minutes. When he comes out he finds the bleeper on his car radio going. A man is being held for rape—will the doctor take samples?

At the police station a pretty girl in tight jeans is taking a statement, another is wandering about with a clipboard. They are both senior detectives. The boy in the cell is West Indian. He is 19, and embarrassed about the woman policeman. She leaves the doctor to take his swabs. Everything is wrapped up in plastic bags and labelled. The syringe is put in a special container — new regulations about hepatitis. In the next cell a man calls out for a drink; a policeman hands him a plastic cup of water through the bars of the window. Dr Carter is as genial and uncensorious as he has been all day; but he is also quick. He is now trying to get home.

Dr Carter's day, with luck, may be over. He has been at it for just 12 hours—overzealous perhaps, he admits it himself—but in his early 50s and fit, in a portly sort of way, it is the life he wants to lead. He started the day with a baby batterer and ended it with a rapist; in between, a battery of human complaints which leave him curiously optimistic. It is a protective covering he could not survive long without.

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John Mendelson argues that in certain cases the judicial system needs to be protected

Should Parliament have the power to take action against judges?

The time-honoured principle of the independence of the courts is generally accepted in this country and is regarded as one of the main safeguards of the liberty of the subject. Traditionally, this has meant that the judges must have security of tenure and must not be subjected to influence or intimidations by the executive or by the legislature. In other words, the Government and Parliament must cooperate with the judiciary in assuring the independence of the courts as the basic principle of the administration of justice.

Against this background, the judges have two main functions: first, to apply the law, and second, and inevitably, to add to existing law by their judgments. The first of these functions leaves room for interpretation but it does not lead to any special difficulties in the vast majority of cases. Most cases that come before the courts, in the opinion of lawyers and judges alike, are fairly straightforward and allow only for one kind of decision. There are a minority of cases that prove particularly difficult and here there is adequate appeals procedure to review the decision of the lower courts.

This system is generally regarded as satisfactory except for the occasional criticism that there are too many cases that require considerable financial outlay from the parties concerned without being covered by legal aid schemes. In the judgment of many, there is room here for necessary reform and improvement.

In those difficult cases, however, where the law is held not to be clear or where the courts meet unforeseen situations, the judiciary are inevitably moved into the field of law-making or adding to the existing law. This is a phenomenon observed in all Western democracies working under a system of law similar, though not identical, to the law in this country.

This last law-making function of the judiciary is naturally a highly controversial matter at all times and has led to many different opinions among practising lawyers, judges and legislators. There is a lively discussion on this subject going on in this country at the present time. This discussion has been enlivened by a number of recent cases, particularly in the field of social behaviour and in the cases concerning the rights and powers of trade unions. It will continue, and the courts themselves, in their future decisions, will naturally play an important part in the development of the argument.

In all the situations envisaged so far, the attitude of Parliament is reasonably clear: Parliament must make new law and add to the existing law. That is one of the functions of a legislature in a democratic society. Parliament must also watch over the application of the law by the executive and by the courts; at which point, an important and cardinal division is immediately apparent. In the case of the actions of the government. Parliament has the right and power to supervise the application of the law and even to control it. This is particularly important for the individual citizen where ministers are given discretionary powers by Parliament, which is often inevitable to make the law work.

In addition, however, ministers are not only subject to parliamentary control, they are also accountable to Parliament and in the last resort, depend upon the confidence of Parliament if they are to remain in office. Although many doubts have been expressed in recent years concerning the effectiveness of this principle governing the relations between Parliament and government, the principle itself has not been challenged.

An altogether different situation exists when one examines the relationship between Parliament and the judiciary. Here the governing principle is, as stated earlier, the independence of the judges and, therefore, as a strict consequence the non-interference of Parliament with the will of the courts of law.

> "There must be a final effective method in which the interests of the nation and its citizens can be defended against arbitrary use of power"

Obviously, this leaves a grey area which may be broadly divided into two subdivisions. The first subdivision concerns those cases where a judge expresses the opinion that the existing laws as passed by Parliament are unclear and acts in accordance with this view. The court's decision then creates new or additional law and parliament can adopt two possible attitudes:

- Parliament can decide to leave well alone and then in due course the court's decision will be established as part of our existing law of the land, or;
- Parliament may decide to pass new additional legislation either to clarify the law or to affirm its original intention against the interpretation of the courts.

The latter course does not infrequently occur, for instance, in the United States where Congress has proclaimed from time to time "We have said 'A'; the courts, including the Supreme Court, has said 'B'. However, we mean 'A' and we are hereby reaffirming that we do mean 'A'". Congress in other terms overrules the decision of the courts by new legislation.

All the possible situations discussed so far, although obviously not without creating problems, can be dealt with without creating any crucial constitutional difficulties. The one case that remains to be considered is the most difficult of all: what is to happen in the interests of the citizen and of the judicial system itself if a judge were to act in a manner which Parliament might regard as unreasonable or irresponsible?

Naturally, all these terms hide within themselves matters of evaluation and individual judgment. None the less, the problem cannot be avoided merely because of that. Does the overriding principle of the independence of the courts, which was stated at the beginning, mean that Parliament must never either express any criticism or seek to take any action against a judge? If that view is not accepted, the question then arises, what are the conditions under which Parliament would be justified in acting?

To begin with, it will of course be generally agreed that Parliament should consider taking action concerning a member of the judiciary only in the rarest of cases and when action has become absolutely inevitable. This will certainly be common ground. What then should be the limiting conditions for such parliamentary action? Here the real difficulties arise.

I would suggest, in the first place, that in all those cases which are clearly only matters of legal procedure and are therefore subject to appeal, Parliament should leave well alone. Second, in all those cases concerning the lower categories of magistrates and judiciary, where the Lord Chancellor has full powers to act, Parliament should normally work in the expectation that the Lord Chancellor would take the appropriate action. Third, it is well known that the Lord Chancellor does not remove judges, but in very serious cases expects them to resign. This conventional procedure need not deter Parliament from leaving the necessary action in the hands of the Lord Chancellor, provided the members of the legislature can reasonably assume that such action will be taken.

This leaves the most serious and at the same time most difficult of all cases that is happily only a very rare occurrence. If a judge acts in such a manner that Parliament comes to be convinced that he is not carrying out the existing law, particularly in his directions to the jury and in his further comments, then action by Parliament is not only justified but wholly necessary in the public interest.

A judge acting in the manner here described will not only injure the rights of the citizen but he will also bring the judiciary into disrepute and thereby endanger the effectiveness of the entire system of justice. As it is of supreme public interest to have an effective system of justice accepted and believed in by all the members of the community, it must clearly be also one of the duties of Parliament to watch over the maintenance and duties of a system of fair play and equal justice in the administration of the courts. If, for instance, against the background of the death of a young man belonging to an identifiable racial minority, a defendant soon afterwards refers to that tragic event by saying "one down and a million to go", and the judge at the trial in his summing up seems to indicate that he regards it as too vague to constitute an incitement to violence, then, in my opinion, it is unlikely that anything will ever be held to be an incitement to violence by this particular judge. If the same judge were at the end of the trial to wish the accused well in court, then Parliament would be quite justified in concluding that this judge is bringing the judiciary into disrepute and that Parliament has to act in defence of the judicial system itself.

It will of course be obvious that again this will involve several matters of judgment to be exercised by Members of Parliament, but then the whole underlying assumption of the argument here put forward is quite openly the conviction that Members of Parliament cannot abandon their judgment but must exercise it as part of their work as members of the legislature. In other terms, there must be a final effective method in which the interests of the nation itself and of all its citizens can be defended about the arbitrary use of power, not only by government but also by a member of the judiciary. Ultimately, in any truly democratic system, Parliament cannot shirk that responsibility.

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'Life' inside a Pretoria prison when the jailers turn the screw even tighter

Denis Goldberg is a completely unique sort of prisoner. After 14 years inside a Pretoria prison that's little consolation, particularly since his jailers have recently decided to make life more difficult for him.

Goldberg was one of the famed "Rivonia" defendants in 1964 when virtually the whole leadership of the African National Congress was rounded up in a single police swoop and put on trial. Today he is one of nine white political prisoners occupying a specially built jail, and the only one with a life sentence. And for South Africa's political detainees life is life, not the flexible term that is the custom in Britain.

A few years ago the South African authorities made it quite clear just how seriously they meant that. In April, 1975, Goldberg's compatriot, the distinguished lawyer Abram Fischer, was released from prison where he too was serving a life sentence, to die of cancer a month later. The South Africans demanded that his ashes be returned to their custody inside Pretoria prison. Presumably even ghosts are a threat to South African security.

Fischer's death was a great blow to Denis Goldberg. Now he faces an interminable future, in the last years of which he could easily be on his own. The last of his fellow prisoners is due for release in 1986 when Goldberg will be only 52. Up until now he has found solace in study. But the South African authorities, with their seemingly infinite capacity for pettiness, are shutting off that refuge as well.

In a letter recently received by friends in London and stamped with the mark of Pretoria prison's official censor, Goldberg writes: "Studies will not be allowed in future, except that those enrolled for further (ie degree) studies will be allowed to complete them in a period decided by the Commissioner (of Prisons), and he may allow those with little or no schooling to complete school education. I hope I'll be able to do my full courses for the B.Bibl. degree".

Goldberg's daughter, who was separated from her father at the age of seven, but who was recently permitted to visit him from her home in London, says that the impact on her father of this new restriction could be "catastrophic". "He's a great optimist but if they stop the studying they'll cut off his lifeline." Another former inmate of the same prison who spent nine years there described studying as being "the only thing that keeps you sane—the only way of keeping mentally alert."

For the 44 years old Goldberg, whose prison work involves labour in the carpentry shop, producing government furniture, the prospect of ending his 14 years of degrees by correspondence is a blow indeed. A trained and practising engineer on his arrest, he is now embarked on his third undergraduate degree since he started his sentence, the South Africans forbidding any post-graduate work.

But as important as the study itself are the privileges that go with it. As a student he is entitled to late lights until 11 pm instead of the mandatory 8 pm lights-out for other prisoners (although after examinations and before the beginning of the new university year he too must revert to the 8 pm rule). In addition, as a student he is entitled to writing materials at all times. Non-students may only have writing materials to execute their maximum permitted three letters of 500 words each per month, and for no other purposes. Finally Goldberg can obtain books for his course—when these get through the censor who may arbitrarily forbid certain prescribed books—in addition to the fiction available from the prison library.



Denis Goldberg: he faces an interminable future of growing callousness

It is difficult to account for this sudden and apparently petty-minded change of policy by the authorities. One answer may lie in something quite unrelated to the white detainees, who until now have taken the greatest advantage of the facility. With the enormous rise in the prison population in the last 18 months as a result of the disturbances that have wracked South Africa since June 1976, the prison service has had to cope with several hundred young black militant students of secondary school or university level. Many of these, like Goldberg, will never see freedom again if the South Africans have their way.

It seems more than likely that the change in the regulations was designed to prevent these young men and women from continuing their studies. Few, if any, of these political detainees are illiterate, and as Goldberg points out, education will only be provided to those with little or no schooling.

In another act of outstanding callousness the South Africans have also refused to permit Goldberg's wife, who now lives in England, to return to South Africa to visit him. According to his daughter, it is his two visits a month, each of 45 minutes duration, that mean so much to him and are his main link with the world outside.

A further tragedy for Goldberg is the very special way history and the process of aging affect his unique plight. For years his father has made the trip from Johannesburg to Pretoria to visit his son. But now the old man, at 79, is suffering from a heart complaint and friends doubt his capacity to continue the trips much longer. Furthermore, the difficulties of finding people to visit Goldberg get worse. Many of those who knew him in the early sixties have now left South Africa, either having served prison sentences themselves or fleeing before capture by the security police. Writing from South Africa, a friend recently gave news of this problem. "We are going through a terrible time with visitors for Denis—many don't want to go, many are unsuitable, many are not allowed, and all these "many" people come to about ten. I don't know what we will do."

You might say that this is not so awful. In Uganda they just kill opponents of the regime. Why then pick on South Africa? The answer is tragically straightforward.

In 1964 Denis Goldberg and the other leaders of the African National Congress were found guilty of sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the South African government by revolution. That government takes great pride in being both the bastion of Christianity and western civilization on an otherwise dark continent. By so doing it claims both the standards and ethics of Christianity and western civilization and asks to be judged thereby. The deaths in detention of so many black prisoners in suspicious circumstances, as highlighted by Bernard Levin in this newspaper, the revelations of the inquest on Steve Biko and the treatment meted out to men like Denis Goldberg, mean that South Africa fails the test it sets itself.

Jon Blair

Bernard Levin/Vietnam, 4

This insidious drive to destroy Buddhism



The Venerable Man Gia

Last week, I gave a general account, with particular instances, of the brutality and tyranny of the government of Vietnam, now that communist rule over the whole country has been fully implemented. From the accounts of refugees, including some with access to a great deal of official information, I described life inside the prisons and camps of Vietnam as well as outside them, listed the freedoms of which the people of that unhappy country have been systematically deprived, and named some of the regime's most prominent victims. At the end of the third consecutive column on the subject, I said I would turn this week to what is perhaps the worst and most sinister aspect of the tightening of totalitarian oppression in the unified state. That is the harassment and persecution of the Buddhist Church and of individual Buddhist leaders, and the clear signs that the rulers of Vietnam have embarked upon the extinction of Buddhism in the land now entirely under their rule. Not long ago, a group of Buddhist monks managed to escape from Vietnam, led by one of the most prominent of the country's religious leaders, the Venerable Man Giac. I met him soon after he arrived in Europe, and received from him an extensive collection of documents (including photographs) which give an exhaustively detailed account of the persecution of the Buddhists in Vietnam. Just as last week I devoted myself to the secular side of Vietnam's tyranny, so this week I want to concentrate on the religious.

And today's space I shall use in quoting extensively from an appeal to the outside world made by the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam. It was made in June 1977, and from all later accounts it appears clear that the situation has got worse since. The Buddhist leaders begin by showing the goodwill they extended to the new government of all Vietnam:

> It was with much joy and hope that on April 30, 1975, Vietnamese Buddhists welcomed peace after more than 30 years of war. . . . Having faith in the promises of national reconciliation made by the Provisional Revolutionary Government, since the day of liberation Buddhists in Vietnam have done their utmost to cooperate with the revolutionary government. The Unified Buddhist Church was not invited to the meeting on 15th May 1975 organized by the government to celebrate the great victory of the Vietnamese people; but the Buddhist Church, in order to show her good will to cooperate in the effort for reunification and reconstruction, was able to mobilize up to 900 monks and nuns of Ho Chi Minh city to come to participate. . . . On May 19, 20,000 Buddhists in Ho Chi Minh City gathered in front of the An Quang Pagoda for a tribute to President Ho Chi Minh in celebration of his birthday. That was known as the most important gathering on that day in Ho Chi Minh City, and the only one not organized by the government.

But such cooperation was not wanted: what was wanted in communist Vietnam was the end of Buddhism. The appeal goes on:

> The Vanh Hnah Buddhist University was closed down. The Buddhist Committee for Reconstruction and Development was disbanded, and its account was blocked. All newspapers and magazines and publication houses of the church were closed down. Monks and nuns are not allowed to continue teaching in the schools, working in hospitals, dispensaries, orphanages and child care centres. . . . After the transfer, many of our schools no longer function as schools, but become dormitories and offices for government cadres. . . . Having given up the work of cultural and social institutions, including schools, orphanages, publishing houses, magazines and so forth, thousands of workers turned to collective farming of the land. The government taxed them so severely that they were forced to give up these collectives.
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> But that was only the beginning. What followed was worse: Pursuing the policy of shattering the religious communities in our country, the government has arrested hundreds of monks, confiscated hundreds of pagodas and converted them to government administration buildings, removed and smashed Buddha and Bodhisattva statues, prohibited celebration of the Buddha's birthday as a national holiday, made it impossible for monks and nuns to support themselves fin prevented laymen from co temples, and forbidden m travel and preach by restrictions in the na "national security".
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> Even after that campa under way, the Bu offered full cooperation authorities:
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> Speaking of the Buddhi point at the Assembly fo fication, the Venerable Th Giac, Head of the Depart Culture of the Unified Church, said: "Socialism excellent base for reuni because socialism can bo and protect reunification cause socialism aims at al the exploitation of man and at social justice." In requesting permission to p Buddhist bi-monthly maga August 8th, 1975), all papers having been suppre Unified Buddhist Church to "expound the Buddh trine in a manner favou the Revolutionary way of ing the country and to official information publi the Communist Party and ernment. We shall strictl the policy prescribed by ernment".
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> The offer was ignor the drive to destroy Bu went on, as the B leaders' appeal recount
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> Government cadres proclai where that Buddhism is th of the people, that religio ture is poisonous and reac that monks are inactive; a who try to demonstrate th site risk punishment. Ef the Unified Buddhist Ch make public documents r the non-cooperative attitud government resulted in th of the most important le the Unified Buddhist Churc vice-chairman, *Thich Quang*, the general se *Thich Quang Do*, the gene missioner for dissemina Buddhist teachings, *Thich An*, and the commissioner dhist lay organizations, *Thong Buu*, were arreste government also undermi Unified Buddhist Church sustenance efforts by arres Venerable *Thich Thong E Thich Thanh The*, who charge of self-supporting of our Church.
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> Nor, of course, is Buddhists who suffer:
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> We speak out not only sake of our religious co but also for the whole Vie people. Other religious cc ties in Vietnam suffer as r we do. At least 400 priests are in detentio several Catholic priests wi opponents of the former regime have died from the sion.
> Corruption within gov cadres is widespread and ing worse and worse country has become a state. Adults and childr forced to report on each o case of any dissident id actions. Suspicion arises friends, brothers, co-work relatives. It is an atmosphe in hell. We struggled agai regimes of Ngo Dinh Nguyen Khanh, and Nguy Thieu, in part because th gimes deprived us of civil ties . . . National reconc and concord is a mockery.
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> And the Buddhists' ap the Government of Vi and to the outside worl cludes:
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> What do we want? We strive for political powe aim is not to overthrow th ernment. We do not aim at ing the government. We onl to live with dignity and to cipate in the task of b life, not as machines humans with minds and hea
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> So much for the app the Unified Buddhist C of Vietnam. Tomorrow, I give some detailed examp the sufferings of the Bud in Vietnam, and of the a cruelty and tyranny com against them.
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> (To be continued)

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A roof of their own for the scattered ones

With a bit of luck, and a lot of money, an artistic Diaspora that you will probably not have heard of, might very soon be at an end.

I made my first contact with the problem yesterday at the Fine Art Society in New Bond Street where it was graphically explained to me by Lord Annan, *Provost of University College* London.

When the college was bombed during the war, its collection of prints and paintings—one of the oldest and finest in Britain—had *to be dispersed* to several locations. It was difficult for students to study them, impossible for teachers to use them.

Now, a room in the college's *Wilkins building, next to the* cloisters, has been set aside for a prints room. The aim is to recall all the works from their scattered temporary homes and put them under one roof, to instruct students and delight the public.

The project will cost £41,000. So far, only £14,000 has been raised.

A selection of the dispersed works is now on show at the Fine Art Society gallery. They include two Van Dykes, three Turners, a Canaletto, a couple of Flaxmans and a Durer.

Lord Annan, a twinkle in his eye, took me over to a Rowlandson print, *The Stare Case*. The awful pun will be clear to you when you see the bawdy things going on up the Somerset House staircase. The print had been thought missing, probably destroyed by enemy action, until an art dealer came across it and it was returned to the college in 1969.

Like many of the works in New Bond Street, the Rowlandson was originally at the Slade School at University College and it is entirely appropriate that the Fine Art, which has staged so many Slade artists' shows, should be publicizing the college's fight to reassemble the college's far-flung treasures.

Time is pressing. The Courtauld gallery, which temporarily houses 1,000 of the works, now needs the space for its own purposes.



A British Rail notice says: "Due to accidents on the escalator, dogs and push-chairs must be folded and carried".

Question of degree: a trio con brio

Outside the Sheldonian in Oxford yesterday, I was thinking of the three musicians who will appear at this year's Encaenia (on June 21) in that most fetching rig of all, the robes of Doctor of Music—cream, silk gown with cherry coloured sleeves and black velvet cap.

Two years ago Janet Baker looked wonderful in the ensemble when she was honoured along with Paul Tortelier. Further back in time, Segovia (then 80 years old) looked magnificent in the outfit. In 1733, Handel (an apparently unpopular composer) arrived to receive *his degree in a largely Jacobite* University with the score of his oratorio *Athalia*, which was first performed on July 10 that year in the Oxford Theatre with "a crew of lowsy German fiddlers" (as a contemporary historian noted).

Handel made about £2,000 out of concerts on that visit and then flatly refused to take his degree, saying that it was "something which any blockhead can have". This year's trio, Olivier Messiaen, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau and Herbert von Karajan will almost certainly be more respectful.

The case of the frightened lady

A secretary in this office is worried, not to say scared, and I don't blame her. She has received one of those nasty letters which tell her that it has been round the world nine times and that, if she sends copies of it to 20 friends, she will receive good luck in nine days' time.

If she ignores the letter, she is told, she will meet a similar fate to that which has befallen others who broke the chain: one lost his wife (how, or where, it does not say); another died "for no reason"; a third lost his job.

I have told the secretary to ignore the letter. I am sure I made the right decision. But my fingers are crossed, none the less and now I, too, am worried, and a little scared.

Premonitions of death?

There has been a recent and important addition to the memorabilia of Keats House, Hampstead. It is the only known letter that Keats wrote to Shelley and was written from *Hampstead and dated August* 16, 1820, the year before Keats died in Rome.

Keats wrote it in response to Shelley's invitation to join him in Italy and it states that: "There is no doubt that an English winter would put an end to me. . . ".

The letter has been placed on indefinite loan at Keats House—it is on show in the Chester Room—by Lord Abinger, chairman of the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association. It was previously on loan to the British Library, but was never displayed.

Lord Abinger, in offering it to the Camden Council (which runs Keats House), says he has done so as a gesture of thanks for the "sympathy and help" Camden has given to the Memorial Association. "We are very pleased to have the letter", said *Frank Cole, Camden's director* of libraries and art.

The return of James Galway

There is no more ambivalence in my critical attitude to James Galway than there is in Bernard Levin's or William Mann's. Mr Levin finds the noise which the good-natured Northern Ireland flautist makes unappealing, and he has been chastised in our letters columns for expressing that view.

Mr Mann and I take the very opposite view. I think Mr Galway makes a beautiful sound, and his technique sometimes leaves me wondering whether the man really can be human. Mr Mann has written of the flautist's "exquisite" and "ravishing" tone.

I was, then, very pleased to hear that Mr Galway, who both legs and an arm in a road accident last Augu now ready to start p again, and I will certain among those well-wishers will welcome him back party which RCA record giving next week. He wi receiving from them a disc to celebrate the heavy of his record *Showpieces*.

He is still getting around by wheelchair, but in a m time this doctors expect him back on his legs agai will be giving concerts in B in April with the Zagreb ists, in May with the LSO in June with the Philharm

Michael Binyon, The Times's brand new man in Moscow, has sent me a story about the fruits of labour, Soviet-style. Pravd reports that Nakia Khalilovna Galina, a healthy young tractor driver from Bashkiriya in the southern Urals, has just excelled herself in her "selfless and irreproachable" work. She already holds the Order of Lenin and the Red Sash of Labour, but whe news of her "heroic achievements" on the tractor got back 1,000 miles to a Leningrad factory, the workers decided to sen her a present. They clubbed together and bought her a tractor for her "exclusive" use; for use on the farm, that is, not for chugging round the town.

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UNDERSTANDABLE INDECISION

During his first year in office, President Carter has given a distinct impression of drift in economic policy matters. To some extent this has come from the failure of his key advisers on the formulation of such policy to come together in a coherent analysis. Mr Blumenthal at the Treasury has given a colourless impression so far. The Lance affair destroyed an important personal link between the administration and the business community and undermined confidence. The growing tension between the President and Dr Burns, which led to the decision not to reappoint him as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, did much to undermine confidence abroad about the future of the dollar and confidence at home about the commitment to contain inflation.

Such fashionable emphasis on personalities as the cause of the impression of drift, however, is superficial. The impression of uncertainty has been nothing more or less than a reflection of the genuine uncertainty that surrounds the President and the Congress as to the right course of action. Traditional postwar analysis would indicate that the growth rate of the American economy is likely to slow rapidly in the later part of this year. Such analysis would call for a larger stimulus than the President has now proposed to the Congress, especially in view of the effect that substantially higher social security contributions will have on the level of consumer demand.

Yet the very fact that the President and the Congress are now faced with having to decide on the size of a stimulatory package of tax cuts for the second half of this year underlines the two central problems of American economic management. First, at this stage in the American economic cycle, with rates of growth over the past year well above the average for the rest of the industrial world and above the recent domestic trend, it would be normal to expect that expansion would be supported by a marked growth in the level of investment in new plant and machinery. There is no evidence of this happening.

Secondly, the events of the past several months show that the United States cannot responsibly ignore the weakness of the dollar. It remains true that the American economy is healthier than many others and that foreign trade and payments represent a small percentage of overall activity. Nevertheless, a dollar as weak as it has been for the past six months places strains on the international monetary system that undermine both American interests and world stability.

The failure of investment demand to emerge in this business cycle is not unique to the United States. It has been the central feature of the recovery of almost all the industrial economies from the present prolonged international recession. Indeed, it explains why the general recovery has not been as rapid or as sustained as might have been expected. In each country there are special factors at work in producing this result. Such a widespread phenomenon, however, must have some general causes.

These seem to be a combination of unparalleled uncertainty associated with very high rates of inflation, and a steady dereriorating in the real rate of return on capital, to a point where investment in new plant and new processes has become illogical. If this is the case, President Carter's economic programme should be judged by the test of whether or not it will ease these central problems.

If the American economy were set on a path of sustainable growth without an acceleration of the rate of inflation, the rest of the world would have no proper cause to complain about the consequential effect on the dollar, with the sole reservation about American energy policy and oil imports. Then the solution for the rest of the industrial world would be to find the way to similar non-inflationary expansion of economic activity. The question mark, however, hangs over the part that American monetary policy is expected to play over the next year and a half. From his utterances so far it is not easy to decide what sort of monetary policies will be followed by Mr Miller, who becomes chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at the end of the month. If, however, American expansion degenerates into a further bout of domestic and exported inflation, the social and economic damage to the rest of the world will be immense.

THE FLOOD OF FACSIMILES

"Reprography" is the generic term now used for the making of facsimile copies of printed or graphic material by such techniques as photocopying and xerography. "The reprographic explosion" is the favoured phrase for the rapidly advancing technology and cheapening of these processes and their proliferation for the uses of education, research and commerce. They are a most useful invention; quick, simple, convenient and relatively inexpensive to use and ideal for the specialized dissemination of printed matter. But they have punched a large hole in the protection the law of copyright provides for the property of authors and publishers.

The trouble does not arise out of unauthorized sale to the general public of reprographic copies of works in copyright. That malpractice has not caught on to any great extent. The trouble arises from the "fair dealing" provisions of the Copyright Act, which permit the making of single copies under restricted conditions for limited private use. In the fall-out of the reprographic explosion these provisions are unclear, cumbersome, unenforceable and widely disregarded. They have been more or less shouldered aside, and there is very little chance of their being successfully put back into position, even if it were thought desirable to try. As Mr Philip Larkin, writing to the *Times* as librarian of the University of Hull, has put it, what we now have to decide is since copyright owners can no longer be protected from reprography, whether or not they should be compensated for it".

The Whitford Committee, which reported on the law of copyright and designs almost a year ago, found the problems set by reprography among the most difficult which fell to be considered. Their conclusion was that the copyright law neither should nor could be rewritten in such a way as to prevent people helping themselves to reprographic copies of copyright material in the way they have come to do; that the attempt should be made instead to recover a copyright fee or royalty; that that could best be done by blanket licensing (as is done, for instance, in the case of the public performance of music in copyright) whereby the product of an annual fee for permission to make reprographic copies for purposes other than distribution to the public at large should be divided in a rough and ready way among the owners who have pooled their copyright; and that once a blanket licensing scheme was in operation, most of the fair dealing exemptions given by the copyright law should be withdrawn—since without that spur there would be little incentive for copiers to apply for a licence.

These proposals have been vigorously criticized in some academic circles as a needless impediment to teaching, scholarship and research. The Whitford Committee justifiably pointed out that the interests of copyright owners and reprography users may be closer than they think. "We can envisage a vicious circle: the increase in library and other copying means smaller circulations; which means higher costs; which in its turn means more copying. In the end publication ceases [in some fields at least]." And that would suit neither authors, nor publishers, nor librarians, nor scholars, nor research workers, nor students, nor the makers of reprographic machines.

It is easy to envisage that vicious circle. It is less easy to estimate the probability of its coming about. Here the Whitford report is not as much help as it might have been. The publication of learned journals and specialized works is subject to strong inflationary pressures apart from any losses of sales attributable to the ease of reprography. A careful estimate of the force of that extra factor should be made before it is assumed to justify a change in the basis of the law. Even more important is to see in detail how a blanket licensing scheme might work: what level of fee it might be expected to impose, how evasion-proof it could be made, its administrative cost, its distributive mechanism, the contribution it might make to the economics of publishing and rewards of authorship.

The principle of the Whitford proposals sounds right, but it is on practicalities that a decision ought to hinge. It is only when made concrete that blanket licensing for reprography can be properly judged on its merits.

THE UNEASY NEIGHBOUR

The first thing that Mr Upadit, Thai Foreign Minister, will want to talk about when he goes to Phnom Penh in a week or so will be the continuing border attacks that his country has suffered for months past from the viciously aggressive Cambodians.

The announcement yesterday that Mr Ieng Sary had issued an invitation to Bangkok came together with news of the latest incident to be logged: a nasty clash in Thai territory when Cambodian guerrillas joined with the Vietnamese. If that kind of collaboration were to grow the situation could become much more dangerous. Yet it seems doubtful that the Thai guerrillas, who are not strong in the border region with Cambodia, can gain much from an association with such powerful raiders as the Cambodians. Of course the Cambodians insist they are only asserting claims to their own territory; and so they might be if resentment can freely range over several centuries of territorial loss by Cambodia to their neighbours on both sides.

From the latest account Phnom Penh must have the smallest and most uncomfortable diplomatic corps of any capital in the world. As a rare non-communist visitor there Mr Upadit may not only argue Thailand's case but also throw his weight into the attempts to persuade Cambodia to sit down and negotiate over their eastern border too, instead of resuming a war with the Vietnamese that they can certainly never win. Thailand is better placed to mediate now that its own relations with Vietnam have been sealed by air-transit and trade agreements. The Thais are also less inhibited advisers—though naturally much less powerful—than the Chinese. China's relations with Vietnam remain touchy under the surface; they suspect the Russians; they do not want to lose Cambodian friendship by being too brusque.

The Thais also have the advantage over the Chinese of being culturally more akin to the Cambodians. For the same reason they are less disliked by the Cambodians than the Vietnamese. Indeed, after Phnom Penh fell in 1975 and the "Khmer Rouge" took over the whole country they made some moves towards relations with Thailand, then under a democratic government. When democracy sank out of sight and anti-communist military rule was reimposed in Bangkok the Cambodians were quick to scent another enemy, as ready as all the rest of their neighbours to ill-use them. Happily the tide turned again last October when General Kriangsak initiated a sensible, open-minded, no longer woodenly anti-communist policy for Thailand. Relations with Vietnam were one result of that change.

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Mr John Harris

The January editorial of *The ngton Magazine* has again l the issue of Somerset House urner. An inescapable fact is the Strand block has neither ancillary space to support a m facility nor the ability to e unscathed from adaptations d to install modern exhibition ng. The Government is known unhappy about the lack of nient places for official entertainment in London. The Banqueting House, for example, is not satisfactory for moderate-sized functions. fore what could be better than bination of the Great Exhibition room and the Fine Rooms for urpose? They could be appropriately furnished and opened to blic when not in use.

s therefore monstrous to dis- that the Department of the nment is concocting an abom- and expensive plot to add an ion on to Lord Burlington's ite villa at Chiswick, to it is rumoured, the needs e Ministers who like to entertere. The architectural detail- this scheme can only be described as fraudulently Kentian, for in Burlington's day the proposed site was covered by his Loggia or link to the old house. A "museum" is intended, despite the fact that the villa itself is still half empty. The public is to be brought into the villa from this extension and not, as is proper, directly from the portico. All this is, of course, an end product of the department's questionable demolition of Wyatt's wings to the villa about 1950.

May I suggest that as the department has obviously no longer any need to economize, it reinstates its full establishment of investigators for listing and spends some of its ample funds upon rectifying the disgracefully shabby condition of Chiswick's gardens instead of proceeding with this ludicrous project?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRIS,
16 Limerston Street, SW10.

Corruption in Hongkong

From Mr Jack Cater

Sir, In his article on December 28, Derek Davies said that "It is now overwhelmingly accepted in Hong Kong that the great majority of policemen are corrupt, whatever their race".

It has now been made clear to me that this statement has resulted in some misunderstanding: it being thought that the majority of policemen in Hong Kong are now, currently, corrupt. This is certainly not true.

It would have been true to say that at one time corruption was widespread and rife in Hong Kong, not only in the police force, but in the Civil Service and in commerce and in industry.

But since the setting up of the Independent Commission Against Corruption in 1974, there have been substantial improvements: indeed, much has been changed in Hong Kong that many thought was unchangeable.

It is now the task of the ICAC to ensure that this situation is maintained and improved. This we shall do.

Yours sincerely,
JACK CATER, Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption,
c/o Hong Kong Government Office,
6 Grafton Street, W1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Select committee and British Steel

From Lord Aldington

Sir, I have followed with close interest your leader (January 20) and our reports on the arguments between Sir Charles Villiers and the select committee, in which the Government are necessarily involved.

I was Chairman of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries in its early years from 1957-1961 and I think I can understand their problems and their aims. I know Sir Charles Villiers well enough—since 1933—to be certain that it was never part of his intention to treat the committee with "less than candour".

Mr Reginald Maudling (January 20) and you have pointed to the difficulties of the relationship between Parliament and nationalized customers. That has always been true; and I have no doubt that select committees have tried to do their duty without pressing their demands to excess. But it seems to me that the present dispute arose because members of the committee wanted to be informed about current negotiations and Sir Charles felt a duty to others, as well as to his colleagues, not to disclose what had not been decided. Surely it could be agreed that select committees should not press industry chairmen to disclose on matters which are still in midstream—wait till they have reached the river banks.

Yours sincerely,
ALDINGTON,
House of Lords.

European election pledge

From Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP for Hexham (Conservative)

Sir, A curious fact of modern British political history is that all our international commitments to direct elections to the European Parliament have been made by Labour governments.

It was in the course of the state visit of the Italian President Saragat that a joint Anglo-Italian declaration was signed on April 28 1969 on behalf of the Labour Government declaring that: "The political development of Europe requires that all members of an enlarged Community shall play a full part. Europe must be firmly based on democratic institutions, and the European Communities should be sustained by an elected Parliament as provided for in the Treaty of Rome. The role of the present European Assemblies must be enhanced."

The Labour Government it was who accepted in Paris in December 1974 that direct elections should be achieved as soon as possible. And it was they who signed in Brussels the Decision and Act of September 20 1976 providing that "the election of the Assembly should be held on a single date within the period May-June 1978".

The Government have manifestly failed to use their best endeavours to secure the necessary legislation in time. Now, however, they have rightly decided that they must make progress and introduce a guillotine. The question has inevitably arisen as to whether or not they should be supported by Conservatives.

I recall that after the House of Commons had by a large majority supported our accession to the European Communities on the basis of the terms I negotiated, many pro-European Labour MPs took the view that it was the Government's responsibility to secure its own business and accordingly voted consistently against the provisions of the European Communities Act.

When it came to the guillotine motion on May 2 1972 the Labour vote was virtually solid. Roy Jenkins, Harold Lever and George Thomson all voted against. Yet nobody says they were not good Europeans. Only four Labour back-benchers abstained —Mr Willie Hannan, Mr George Lawson, Mr Carol Johnson and Mrs Freda Corbet. Nevertheless, in spite of that precedent I hope that members of the Conservative Party will not be tempted to do as we have been done by.

The Government are now finally seeking to honour the word they gave on behalf of Britain. I believe we must support the guillotine motion. To do otherwise would lend countenance to the hitherto discreditable behaviour of the Labour Government, further undermine the basis on which international agreements are reached, and call in question not only the good faith of the present but of all subsequent British governments.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY RIPPON,
Leader of the Conservative Group in the European Parliament,
House of Commons.
January 23.

Humphrey memorial

From Lady Peart

Sir, Referring to the letter from the Rt Hon Sir Harold Wilson, MP (January 18), I welcome his suggestion that a Memorial Trust to Hubert Humphrey be established to advance international understanding.

I hope it would take the form of a Hubert Humphrey scholarship in international politics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth for the following reasons:

1 In 1919 the world's first Chair of International Politics was founded there, and has been occupied by such distinguished scholars as Sir Alfred Zimmern, Sir Charles Webster and Professor E. H. Carr.

2 The American interest would be continued in so far as the Wilson Chair at Aberystwyth was established in honour of another great American, Woodrow Wilson, a former President of the United States of America and the great advocate of the League of Nations.

3 It is interesting to note that Hubert Humphrey had personal links with Aberystwyth since his great-great grandfather, John Humphrey, a Welsh sea captain, operated from there.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH PEART,
Blue Ridge,
11 Woodspring Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.
January 23.

Soviet activities in the Horn of Africa

From Mr Peter Blaker, MP for Blackpool, South (Conservative)

Sir, You rightly warn in your leading article of January 21 that to acquiesce in the Russians becoming the controlling influence in Ethiopia, by means of a massive injection of Russian and Cuban arms and military personnel, would be a confession of the utter incompetence of Western diplomacy. We have already had one such confession in Angola.

The Soviet Union will not respond simply to pleas for good behaviour, from whatever source. What the West must do is to demonstrate that it has the will to use those levers which it possesses against the Soviet Union, so that if it continues in its policies of world-wide meddling intended to change what it calls the "world correlation of forces" irrevocably in its favour, it will suffer penalties which will make such a course damaging to itself.

The West is acquiescing in a Soviet definition of détente which allows the Soviet Union to destroy our interests but bans any effective counter action by us. Indeed, it is engaged in a massive programme of assisting the Soviet Union by supplying it with technology, credits and grain which that country badly needs because of its own industrial and agricultural incompetence. This programme helps it to continue to repress its own people, to build up its armaments and to transfer its own resources into adventures such as that in the Horn of Africa.

The Western countries should coordinate their policies and demonstrate to the Soviet Union that if it continues on its present course it cannot expect détente to survive and that it will stand to lose the economic benefits we are bestowing on it.

If we had to carry out this threat it would of course mean that some Western exporters would lose business in the Soviet market and that the American Government would have to buy up some of its own farmers' grain. All this would be expensive but much less so than the alternative. Having refused to allow Dr Kissinger the funds to supply a modest amount of arms to the anti-Communist forces in Angola the American Congress was so shocked by the result that it added several billion dollars to the arms appropriations requested by the Administration.

As far as arms supplies are concerned, does not the answer lie in making it clear to the Somalis that we are prepared to sell them arms if they will agree to withdraw to their own borders from the Ogaden and not to pursue by force their claims against Kenya and Djibuti?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BLAKER,
House of Commons.
January 23.

From Mr Basil Davidson

Sir, I write to reinforce the view that careful consideration be given to the situation of Somalia. Your readers will recall the essential facts. After years of vain requests, and at last reluctantly, the Somali government of President Siyad Barre embarked not long ago on armed support for the decolonization of the Ogaden, occupied militarily by the Ethiopian empire during the colonial share-out of the late 19th century. This enterprise had good success, and quickly, because the people of the Ogaden are almost all Somali and have long asked for their right of self-determination. But now new dangers loom.

We should support the Somalis. The reason why is that an enduring peace and reconciliation in this whole region of the Horn can derive only from an agreed and rational reduction of the Ethiopian empire put together, in modern times, by Menelik and reinforced by Haile Selassie. That is as much in the long-term interest of the core peoples of Ethiopia, now that they have begun to reshape their political system, as it is in the interest of the Somali community or, in the north, of the Eritrean community. No creative change here, whether or not towards an organic federation such as could benefit all these peoples, can be carried to fruition without this process of reorganization and reconciliation.

We should support the Somalis because in this matter they have right on their side. We should be doing no more, and in principle no differently, than when our forerunners supported Garibaldi and the unification of Italy. We should do it in the same spirit of unconditional aid; and this, in any case, is not a matter for speculation. It will be found that President Barre and his government are no more for sale today than yesterday. Small and courageous peoples can still stand alone and not be dismayed; and we in Britain, looking back a little, are not ill placed to know this.

Nor in any case should we, if we are wise, look upon this question from any angle of "West-East competition". That would merely suggest that we thought to use Africans as pawns. These Africans are not pawns, neither in Somalia nor in Ethiopia nor in Eritrea; and anyone who may so regard them will suffer disillusionment. They are all engaged in an extremely difficult adjustment to the post-colonial age; and there will be, in the eventual resolution, no external "gainers". Much experience, elsewhere, can teach us that.

Let us therefore, with restraint and good sense, see if we cannot find ways that will support the wise in this whole region and enlighten those still caught, often despite themselves, in the fogs and fetters of the past. It is thirty-one years and more since the late Ernest Bevin, at the Paris Peace Conference, proposed a unification of the Ogaden with the rest of the Somali community. That was in part an interested offer, for it supposed that British influence would rule the result. We can do better now, not only for our Somali friends but also, as the unfolding of this drama will in the end undoubtedly reveal, for the Ethiopia that our armies delivered from fascist tyranny in 1941.

Yours very truly,
BASIL DAVIDSON,
2 Palace Yard,
Hereford.
January 19.

Churches and immigration

From Mrs Ann Dummett

Sir, Mr Ronald Butt (article, January 19) expresses anxiety about the influence of the left on the Catholic Church in matters of immigration policy. It is not clear whom he would include in the left, apart from the hierarchy's Commission for Racial Justice, but he would surely have to admit the claim of at least two Popes, John XXIII and Paul VI. Both made clear statements on the right of the individual to migrate, the duty of rich states to receive people from poor ones, and the obligation of governments to respect the dignity of the migrant and safeguard the unity of migrants' family lives. (See the encyclicals *Pacem in Terris* and *Populorum Progressio* and Pope Paul's radio message for Migration Day, November, 1963.) The United Kingdom's present immigration policy, and the clamour to restrict "dependants" and to prevent husbands from joining wives, are opposite to these statements from the Holy See.

Mr Butt also uses his own term "race relations missionaries" as one of opprobrium. Surely St Paul, migrant and missionary *par excellence*, and author of the proposition, "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek", could reasonably have been given such a name? Of course St Paul was a non-patrial and the sort of man some people in our society would call a "wog". It is remarkable, in the circumstances, that the Roman authorities accorded him the rights of his citizenship. Still, they martyred him in the end.

Yours faithfully,
ANN DUMMETT, former member of the Catholic Commission for Racial Justice,
54 Park Town,
Oxford.
January 19.

From Mr Walter Bell

Sir, May I comment on Ronald Butt's allegation that on immigration matters Cardinal Hume is influenced by left-wing opinion in the Catholic Commission for Racial Justice?

I think that many would agree that in a short time Cardinal Hume has come to be seen as a great leader of moderate but deeply concerned Christian opinion within the chief Christian communities of this country.

Of course within certain Catholic circles there are some who lean to the left, but it must also be remembered that the views of many Catholics of "conservative" persuasion are so reactionary and old-fashioned that they amount to little more than sentimental nostalgia for a past age.

Cardinal Hume with his imaginative understanding of today's human lot is showing that a Roman Catholic leader can really help to overcome the anxieties of our society. It would be tragic if his leadership were to be impaired by hasty comment arising from a specific and emotive issue.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER BELL,
6 Onslow Square, SW7.
January 19.

Another Churchill portrait

From Mr Peter Willes

Sir, I was painted by Sir Winston Churchill, then Mr Churchill, in 1932. It was, I think, his first attempt at what could be described as a conversation piece. The picture was of myself playing backgammon with Lady Castlerosse, a great beauty of the day.

I didn't like the picture at all but I did not destroy it. I left it behind at the Chateau de l'Horizon which was then owned by Miss Maxine Elliot.

After 45 years I would rather like it back if anybody knows where it is.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WILLES,
51 Great Cumberland Place, W1.
January 19.

War-time 'lie factory'

From Mr Geoffrey Chandler

Sir, "All practitioners" of Political Warfare Executive do not admit, as you quote Father Robert Graham as saying (news report, January 19), that its product was "essentially, fictitious, false and mendacious". As a minor and transitory member of PWE in the Middle East in 1944 I was engaged in assisting the production of a Greek-language factual information news sheet for dropping into German-occupied Greece, though I admit my only evidence of its arrival was when I later encountered a copy on the top of Mount Vermion in Northern Greece.

I was of course also aware that "black" propaganda was devised for weakening the morale of the occupation troops. Moreover, PWE was indeed supposed to be secret; though I, like its other uniformed members, was issued with an arm flash, charmingly depicting a peewit, which I cheerfully wore.

This letter is intended to puncture a false generalization rather than adjudge the morals of the use of lies in warfare. However, I would add that historians of the future will face similar problems with the deliberate "disinformation" of many governments and organizations today. The existence of a state of war should at least alert students of history to the need for additional caution in their scrutiny and interpretation of events which peacetime conditions may appear to make unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CHANDLER,
57 Blackheath Park, SE3.
January 19.

Control of V & A Museum

From the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the V & A Museum

Sir, I am writing as the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Victoria and Albert Museum, of which I have been a member for almost six years, in reply to the letter by Mr Cooper and others on January 23.

I accept, and so does the Council, that the staff of the museum is angry at the imposition of a greater cut upon them than in the Department of Education and Science as a whole, and also on the lessening of the service, not only to the hundreds of thousands of visitors, but to the regions as well. It must be emphasized, however, that in spite of the unions' statement that the museum could have been kept open for 6½ days a week, this could not have been achieved without a serious loss of security, and the Advisory Council gave its support to the Director to provide adequate safeguards for the collections. The proposals put forward by the staff did not provide this security, but also advocated what would have amounted to regular closure of sections of the museum every day. This certainly was not acceptable to the Advisory Council.

Like Mr Cooper and his colleagues in the other two unions, Dr Strong is fully aware of all the problems that devolution could cause. It was for this reason that last year he set up a committee of Keepers to make a preliminary study of the subject which sought the views not only of the V & A's staff, but of the other national museums, as well. This committee, wholeheartedly recommended the disestablishment of the museum. The Advisory Council would need, above all, to be assured that the status and terms of all members of the staff were in no way diminished by devolution before it would give its support.

As Chairman of the Advisory Council I am sure the council would like to know, in company with the President of the Royal Academy, the reasons why the Victoria and Albert Museum should not be independent of the Department of Education and Science.

Yours sincerely,
HOOD,
Victoria and Albert Museum,
South Kensington, SW7.
January 23.

'Lady Chatterley's lover'

From Mr Hans Schmoller

Sir, Mrs F. R. Leavis (letter, January 18) must understand that associates of the late Sir Allen Lane, CH, are as anxious to protect his name as she is to protect her husband's. Without wishing to make Allen Lane into a saint, it should be said that his motives in publishing the unexpurgated *Lady Chatterley's Lover* were not nearly as blatantly commercial as Dr and Mrs Leavis suggest.

In the summer of 1960, 10 years after Penguin Books had published most major works by D. H. Lawrence, they wanted to mark the thirtieth anniversary of his death by adding several others, previously not available in paperback. Among these were *Women in Love* and *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. In the changed conditions brought about by the Obscene Publications Act 1959 it seemed cowardly and absurd to publish an expurgated version of the book. The likelihood of a prosecution was considered to be so remote that no legal advice was sought. 200,000 copies were to be printed. At 3s 6d a copy Penguins' proceeds would have been, at most, some £24,000, and their net profit perhaps 15 per cent of this, at most 20.

A few weeks before the books were due in the warehouse an embarrassed printer came to inform me that his board was unwilling to go ahead. Though another printer soon offered to print the book, the inevitable delay forced Penguins to announce in the trade press that publication had had to be postponed.

This is believed to have attracted the attention of the Director of Public Prosecutions. To avoid the possibility of any proceedings against a bookseller 12 copies of the book were voluntarily handed to the police. As a recently appointed director I was deputed to perform this task which, in law, formed the act of publication from which all else followed. To many publishers and lawyers the DPP's decision to make *Lady Chatterley* the subject of a test case came as a great surprise.

After the acquittal, and solely as a result of the totally unsought-for publicity brought by the trial, more than three million copies were sold in a short time. The approximate profits were scrupulously stated to have been about £112,000 when Penguins issued their prospectus prior to becoming a public company in 1961. A very large part of this benefited shareholders other than Allen Lane.

No, if he became a millionaire, it was because of what the public thought of the organization he had built up over more than 25 years, not because of what he had made out of this one book. Had he and Penguins gone down at the Old Bailey, the losses would have been heavy indeed. Even defending counsel thought this a distinct possibility.

Yours faithfully,
HANS SCHMOLLER,
Steading,
Down Place,
Windsor, Berkshire
January 19.

Wells today

From the Town Clerk of Chichester

Sir, The Deputy Mayor of Wells (letter, January 10) has misinformed himself; the City Council of Chichester also continues to exist, "even though its powers are of a parish". The ancient offices of Mayor, Town Clerk, Bailiff and Macebearer are also all filled.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC BANKS,
Town Clerk,
The Council House,
North Street,
Chichester.

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KENSINGTON PALACE

January 23: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Anglian Regiment, received at Barnwell Manor Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. D. Stone on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. J. Barnes on relinquishing his command.

The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Centenary Dinner of The National Federation of Building Trades Employers at Guildhall this evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Maple Leaf Ball will be held on Friday, February 17, at the Grosvenor House hotel.

Birthdays today

Lord Duncan-Sandys, 70; Sir George Haynes, 76; Professor Claude Rogers, 71; Earl Spencer, 54.

St Michael's School, Tawstock

Mr Tom King, MP, entertained the Old Boys of St Michael's School, Tawstock, at dinner in the House of Commons on Monday, January 16. The Headmaster, Mr David Cassell, and Mrs Cassell were present.

Award for bravery

Staff Sergeant James Nicholas Rogers, serving with the Depot Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Woolwich, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for rescuing a fire officer from a blazing warehouse in London during the firemen's strike.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Edward Parkes, Vice-Chancellor of the City University, to be full-time chairman of the University Grants Committee for five years from October 1, in succession to Sir Frederick Dainton, FRS.

Mr Ray Fleming, overseas controller at the Central Office of Information, to be director of communications at the United Nations University, based in Tokyo.

Sir Robert Mark, former Metropolitan Police Commissioner, to be chairman of Forest Mere health farm, Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr Jack Jones, retiring general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, to be vice-chairman of Age Concern, England.

Mr J. R. P. Hughes, director of administration, Staffordshire County Council, to be county clerk and chief executive, in succession to Mr J. Blamire Brown.

Prospective candidate

Mr Frank Haynes, a member of Nottinghamshire County Council, to be prospective parliamentary Labour candidate for Ashfield. At a by-election last year Mr Timothy Smith (C) had a majority of 264 in a five-cornered contest.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. E. Aitchison and Mrs R. M. Thomson

The engagement is announced between Stephen Edward, younger son of the late Sir Stephen Aitchison, Bt, and of Mrs Roland Cookson, of Howden Dene, Corbridge, Northumberland, and Harriet, younger daughter of the late Dr Henry Miller and of Dr Eileen Miller, of Bemersyde Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr J. R. Bell-Irving and Miss J. Mackenzie

The engagement is announced between John (Robin), elder son of Captain and Mrs J. Bell-Irving, Whitehill, Lockerbie, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. L. Mackenzie, Glenlogan, Sorn, Ayrshire.

Mr N. P. H. Talbot-Smith and Miss E. R. Lyle

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Patrick Talbot-Smith, of Reach Wood, Northiam, Sussex, and the late Mrs Garth Priestman, and Emma, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Lyle, of Cherrycroft House, Kingwood Common, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. O. Clark and Miss M. E. Gepp

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly in Cairo between David Owen, younger son of Dr and Mrs C. G. Clark, of Melbourne, Australia, and Marilyn Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. R. Gepp, of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Mr M. Horsburgh and Miss R. Kimmins

The engagement is announced between Michael Horsburgh and Robyn, elder daughter of Mrs Gillian Kimmins, of Brantyngeshay, Chilworth, Surrey, and Mr Simon Kimmins.

Mr C. P. Jarvis and Miss F. M. Mussett

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Jarvis, of Hampton, Middlesex, and Fenella, daughter of Mrs Mussett and the late Mr R. D. G. Mussett, of Winchester.

Mr R. D. Parkinson and Miss K. J. Snodgrass

The engagement is announced between Richard Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harry Parkinson, Stuart House, Middlefield Lane, Hagley, Worcestershire, and Karen Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Snodgrass, Abbey St Bathans, Duns, Berwickshire.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Michael Meacher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr István Littvai, Deputy Minister of Metallurgy and Machine Engineering, Hungary.

Mr Clinton Davis

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at Marlborough House yesterday in honour of Mr Peter Nixon, Australian Minister of Transport.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Charles Morris, Minister of State, Civil Service Department, was host at a luncheon held at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of M James Michel, Minister of State for Information and Administration, Seychelles, and M Jérémie Bonnelame, Director (designate) of Information Services, Seychelles. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Seychelles, Miss J. Lestor, MP, Mr I. Stainbrook, MP, Mr J. Hargreaves, and Mr R. Cannon.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Elworthy, Lady Mary Strachey, the Archdeacon of London and Mrs Woodhouse, the Admiral President Royal Naval College and Mrs Weston, the Master of the Salters' Company and Lady Pamela Hicks, Mr and Mrs Humphrey Brooke and Mr Lanning Roper.

Lady Rowlandson

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson gave a dinner party at 18 Grosvenor Square last night in honour of the Ambassador of the Yemen Arab Republic and Mme Al-Eryani. Those present included:

The Portuguese Ambassador, the Thai Ambassador and Mrs Wannamethee, Lord and Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Ebbisham, Lady Mountevans and Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, and Lady Lloyd of Kilgerran.

Anglo American Sporting Club

Prince Michael of Kent was the principal speaker at a boxing dinner evening given by the Anglo American Sporting Club at the Hilton hotel last night. Earl Spencer was in the chair, and the other speakers were Mr Terry Neill, Mr Peter Hailsham and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, secretary of the club.

European-Atlantic Group

Mr Shridath Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, spoke on the North-South dialogue at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held at the House of Commons yesterday by courtesy of Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, who also spoke. Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Overseas Development, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, presided. A dinner was held afterwards at St Ermin's Hotel in honour of Mr Ramphal; Sir Frank Roberts, president of the group, also spoke. Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker was in the chair. Among those present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Sir Eric Berthoud, Mr Arthur Bottomley, MP, Lord Campbell of Croy, Brigadier Lionel Cross, Mrs Elma Damgaard-Field, Lady Dodds-Parker, Mr Tony Durant, MP, Lord Gladwyn, Lord Grey of Naunton, Lord Layton, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Chief Michael Ogun, Mrs S. Ramphal, Lady Roberts, Vice-Admiral B. B. Schofield, Professor Sir Kenneth Stuart, Brigadier Paul Ward, Rear-Admiral J. G. Watson, Lord Winterbottom and the Deputy-Secretary General, Assistant Secretary-General, Directors and members of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

Reception

Byron Society

The Byron Society held a reception at Brown's Hotel, yesterday evening after their annual general meeting, at which the Earl of Lytton, president of the society presided. Mr Bevis Hillier spoke on the Scrope Davies papers. Among those present were:

Lord Abinger, Lady (Edgar) Bonham-Carter, Lady Couson, Mrs Elma Damgerfield, the Countess of Longford, Lady Caroline Lytton, Lady Mander, Mr John Murray, Mr Michael Rees and Mr I. Scott-Kilvert and Mr William St Clair (joint-chairmen).

Marriages

Mr E. M. Bourgoin and Miss R. M. K. Frisby

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 7, in Ealing Abbey, between Mr Edward Bourgoin, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Bourgoin, and Miss Rachel Frisby, daughter of Mr Roger Frisby, QC, and Mrs Margaret Frisby.

Dr R. H. V. Bell and Miss K. Johnson

The marriage took place in Kasungu, Malawi, on January 14, between Dr Richard Bell, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. R. V. Bell, of Ditchling Common, Sussex, and Miss Kathy Johnson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Johnson, of Chicago, United States.



The portrait by Joseph Wright of Derby sold in the Irish Republic for £68,000 yesterday.

Auction record for work by Joseph Wright of Derby

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A handsome full-length portrait of two young boys in a landscape by Joseph Wright of Derby brought an auction record price for the artist of £68,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000) in Christie's house sale at Charleville, co Wicklow, yesterday.

The boys are Francis and Charles Mundy; the large portrait (71¼in by 54¼in) shows them with their spaniel playing with bows and arrows. The painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1782 and painted in the previous year.

It was acquired at yesterday's sale by Artemis, the art investment group run by David Carritt. It had been bought at Christie's in November, 1965, for £3,570 by Mr and Mrs Donald Davies, on whose behalf Christie's are selling the contents of Charleville in conjunction with Hamilton and Hamilton, the Dublin auctioneers.

The house, built in the 1790s after a previous house had burnt down, descended in the Monck family until the 1930s. It was purchased by Mr and Mrs Davies in 1941, and they started a successful clothing industry in the stables. The house itself has been sold jointly by Hamilton and Hamilton and Knight Frank and Rutley for £800,000 to an oil man from Louisiana whose identity has not yet been disclosed.

Two sale sessions were devoted to the dispersal of the contents yesterday. Every one of the 256 lots found a buyer and the sale totalled £252,897; the final session of the sale will be held this morning. Imbert, the Paris dealer, was an important buyer on behalf of a French collector who plans to settle in Ireland.

He paid £17,000 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000) for a large family group by Jan Mytens dated 1656. "Mynheer van den Hasselholt and his family in an extensive landscape". He also paid £7,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) for a pair of still-lifes catalogued as by "G. Ruoppolo".

An Irish landscape, "Lovers leap, the Dargel, co Wicklow", by James Arthur O'Connor and dated 1837, made an auction record for the artist at £10,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

In the furniture section the top price was £7,200 (estimate £1,800 to £2,500) for a set of six mahogany dining chairs in the style of Robert Manwaring. Manwaring published a book of furniture designs in 1765, many of notable eccentricity.

The chairs are of Gothic inspiration with a rose-window type design for the back and arms and simulated bamboo legs. The high price reflects the present enthusiasm for anything out of the ordinary.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, and patron of Export Year, chairs Export Year conference, Metropole Hotel, Birmingham, 9.45; leaves 5.15.

Lunchtime talks: "Some ministries" and "A priest worker", Rev David Bonner, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, 1.10; "Virgin birth reassessed", Dr Ursula Mittwoch, Botany Theatre, Gower Street, University College London, 1.20; Canon Roy McKay, former head of religious broadcasting BBC, Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, 1.15-1.45.

Plymouth Shakespeare Society: When time stopped, Hall of Christ the King, Armada Way, Plymouth, 7.30.

Memorial service: Baroness Spencer-Churchill, Westminster Abbey, noon.

Television plans to keep young audience

From Kenneth Gosling
Paris, Jan 23

Retaining young people's interest in television is a problem exercising programme makers from Britain, France and West Germany at a two-day workshop held at the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris.

It was clear from the evidence produced today that European television will have to come up with some new forms of communication if it is to keep a substantial slice of its audience.

The conference, organized by Franco-German organizations which specialize in youth exchanges, and including Britain for the first time, heard for example that in West Germany young people watched adult television more often and with greater pleasure than the programmes designed for themselves. The workshop is examining the age group 15-25.

M Emile Quinet, of the French Ministry of Youth and Sport, in an address read for him in his absence, drew attention to the lack of programmes for young people on French television. He wanted to find out whether France might learn from other countries, especially Britain and Germany.

N Ireland beaten by England in bridge contest

England made an excellent start in their attempt to regain the Camrose Cup in the home countries international bridge series at Plymouth last weekend by beating Northern Ireland 12—0, 10—2, 8—4. (Our Bridge Correspondent writes):

R. Granville and A. R. Forrester in their first senior international were outstanding. Scotland, the holders for the past two years, started well against Wales in Glasgow, winning by 12—0 and 10—2, but fell away in the third match to lose it by 2—10. Results:

England 30, Scotland 24. Wales 12. Northern Ireland 8. England: R. S. Brock and W. J. Penchard, J. Amabury and A. P. Sowter, R. Granville and A. R. Forrester; non-playing captain, J. G. Faulkner. Northern Ireland: M. Rosenberg and R. Anderson, Mrs S. C. Henry and E. Lamont; K. Y. Singleton and N. Percival-Price; non-playing captain, J. Paul. Scotland: G. Haase and G. Cuthbertson, K. Baxter and J. E. Paterson, B. D. Short and A. H. Duncan; non-playing captain, S. Burnett. Wales: Dr J. Butler and C. C. Smith; D. Hamilton and Dr N. Steehens, P. P. Shields and P. Denning; non-playing captain, P. D. Jourdain.

The second in the series of eight qualifying rounds in the Rothmans inter-regional pairs championship organized by the English Bridge Union was played at Bournemouth on Saturday and Sunday and was won by D. F. Huggett and M. R. Pomfrey, the internationals, and overnight leaders. The conditions lay down that the best placed women's pair must go through to the final in London in May. Mrs M. Close and Mrs M. Lawson Brown ensured their places without having to invoke that concession by their excellent performance in finishing sixth. Qualifiers:

D. F. Huggett, M. R. Pomfrey (Southern Counties), 5,965. J. Marr (Southern Counties), R. Adey (Midlands), 5,895. A. Andjar-Ronain, E. Donovan (London), 5,871 (leading junior pair). A. C. William, C. J. Luck (London), 5,764. I. G. Smith, J. Burkeman (Southern Counties), 5,716. Mrs M. Close, Mrs M. Lawson Brown (Southern Counties), 5,687. Miss N. Gardener, B. Schapiro (London), 5,673. C. Milne, S. Vincent (Sussex), 5,664. P. H. Donovan, Yasoal Furi (London), 5,560. D. Graham, A. Kay (London), 3,518.

OBITUARY

MR AUSTIN TREVOR

Character actor of stage, screen and radio

Mr Austin Trevor, a notable character actor of his generation, died on January 22 at the age of 80.

A player whose range extended from the plays of Shakespeare, Ibsen and Galsworthy to musical entertainments such as *Bitter Sweet*, films and television, he also acted in French and German with J. T. Grein's Cosmopolitan Players and on the occasion of the visit to Paris by King George V and Queen Mary in 1938 he was chosen to appear at the Elysée in *Vive Le Roi*, a short play specially written for the occasion by Sacha Guitry.

He was born Trevor Schilsky in Belfast on October 7, 1897, and studied for the stage at the Geneva Conservatoire and RADA. From 1915 to 1918 he served in the Army and in 1919 played with the Rhine Army Dramatic Company at Cologne. After Stratford-on-Avon and the Old Vic he played with the Reandean Company from 1922-24. Among the Galsworthy plays in which he appeared during his career were *Loyalties*, *Justice*, *Old English* and *Escape*, in the last of which he played in New York, in 1927.

Soon after his return to London the production of *Bitter Sweet* at His Majesty's provided him with a run of more than a year and his rousing song extolling the glories of Tokay was one of the outstanding hits. Other incursions into musical entertainment included *Mother of Pearl*, *The Cat and the Fiddle*, *Her Excellency* and *Kiss me, Kate*.

In 1935 he played Prince Francis in Miss Dodie Smith's comedy *Call It a Day*, which ran for 500 performances; he played for more than a year in the Haymarket revival of *Dear Doctor's Dilemma* and he had nearly as long a run in the West End and on tour, in a revival of *The Last of Mrs Cheyney*.

Trevor began his film career in 1930 in *At the Villa Rose* and recorded several performances as Agatha Christie's endearing detective, Hercule Poirot. Other films included *Goodbye Mr Chips* (1939) and *Father Brown* (1954). He first broadcast on radio in the Savoy Hill days in 1925, spent some time with the BBC drama repertory company and later appeared on television.

MR DONOVAN CHILTON

Dr H. R. Calvert writes:

I first met Don Chilton, who died at the age of 68 on January 16, in 1931 at an Auslandsabend, a festive occasion organized by Göttingen University for the foreign students to get to know their hosts. Chilton had come to Göttingen to study mineralogy for a year, after a distinguished academic career at the Royal College of Science, where he rowed in the College boat. My impression of him during this year was of a friendly man, solid, sensible and reliable, but above all endowed with a lively sense of humour; and this impression was reinforced in later years after we became, from 1938 onwards, colleagues at the Science Museum.

Our careers ran parallel again when, at the outset of war, we both took a crash course in meteorology under David Brunt and P. A. Sheppard, after which Chilton spent about three years in Canada as Meteorological Officer in the United Kingdom Air Liaison Mission, returning to the Museum in 1946.

The sections of the Museum for which he was at one time or another responsible (Hydrographic Surveying, Meterology, Navigation, Electrical Engineering and Communications) gave him a wide range of interests all of which he pursued with enthusiasm and authority. The Navigation Section especially owes its existence to his enterprise in industry.

He took an active and useful part in the affairs of the Royal Meteorological Society, the British Society for the History of Science and the Museums Association. Outside his professional field he had also a long interest in amateur dramatics.

After 36 years service in the Museum, the last fourteen as Keeper of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Communications, he retired in 1974, and then worked at the Royal Institution on its history until his death.

His personal qualities made him universally popular and the sympathy of his many friends will go out to his widow, Madge, and their sons.

MR HAROLD ABRAHAMS

The Marquess of Exeter writes:

The passing of Harold Abrahams marks a very sad day in the athletic world. As an outstanding athlete he won the 100 yards and the long jump for Cambridge against Oxford four times. He competed in the 1920 Olympic Games, but it was in 1924 that his crowning success came in the 100 metres in the Paris Olympic Games, where to the delight of all of us and the surprise of some of his opponents, particularly from the United States, he won. Incidentally in the same year he set up an English native long jump record which stood for 30 years.

Owing to an injury he retired from active competition next year and decided to dedicate all his spare time to helping amateur athletics in the country. At the same time he was at full stretch in his working life as a lawyer, which included positions at the Ministry of Economic Warfare and then Country Planning. At the same time he became an internationally famous journalist and broadcaster.

In the athletic world he was a member of the general committee of the Amateur Athletic Association for 50 years and president since 1975 and for secretary, then treasurer, then chairman of the Amateur Athletic Board. He made a real contribution to international field at various congresses and committees and overseas athletic meetings.

He was a tremendous collector of statistics relating to sport and produced a number of volumes on the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. He had a first-class brain and decisive views which he never hesitated to express strongly. However those of us who knew him well realized that behind this was a cheerful and kindly man and a loyal friend. He was a wonderful and outstanding example to all young people who have got so much pleasure out of the sport putting something worthwhile back into it for the enjoyment of those following after. Many will mourn his passing and athletics has suffered a major loss.

MR GEORGE CURRIE

Mr George Currie, MBE, Ulster Unionist MP for North Down from 1955 to 1970, died on January 20. He was 72.

George Boyle Hanna Currie was born on December 19, 1905, and educated at Campbell College, Belfast, and Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained his BA, MA and LL.B degrees. In 1932 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple and practised in Liverpool and on the Northern Circuit. He had been a member of Wirral Urban District Council and its chairman in 1938-39.

During the Second World War he served with the RAF on the staff of Lord Dowding of Fighter Command, and later with the legal branch of the service, reaching the rank of Squadron Leader. In 1946 he was made an MBE (Military Division).

He had unsuccessfully contested East Flint in 1950 and 1951 before being returned for North Down in 1955 where he held the seat in successive elections until 1970.

He married, in 19[illegible], Stephanie Maud Evelyn Costello. They had two sons and two daughters.

FREDA UTLEY

Freda Utley, who was an author and well-known foreign correspondent, has died in Washington. She was 79.

Born in London, she was a correspondent for the *Manchester Guardian* in Japan, in the 1920s and worked in China for the *News Chronicle* in the 1930s. Later she was on the *Reader's Digest*. Her books included *The China Story*, *Japan's Feet of Clay*, *The High Cost of Vengeance*, *Will the Middle East go West?* and *Odyssey of a Liberal*.

Another book, *Lost Illusion*, described her experiences in the Soviet Union and her marriage to Arkady Berdichevsky, a Russian citizen, who was arrested by the Soviet secret police and died in a concentration camp.

Freda Utley emigrated to the United States in 1939.

MR J. D. LYNG

Mr John Daniel Lyng, Head of a short-lived coalition government of Norway in 1963, has died in Oslo. He was 72.

Lyng led a four-party coalition in the first non-Socialist Norwegian government since the Second World War after the fall of Einar Gerhardsen's Labour Government in 1963.

The Administration lasted from August to September 1963, was then unseated as Labour returned. Lyng became Foreign Minister two years later, when Labour was beaten in a general election, and held the post until 1970 when he resigned for personal reasons. He led the Parliamentary Conservative Party from 1958 to 1965.

As Foreign Minister he played a leading role in developing closer ties with Eastern European nations.

Lady Stephen, widow of Sir Alexander Murray Stephen, MC, former Lord Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, died on January 19. She was Kathrene Pator daughter of A. M. Mitchell and she was married in 192[illegible]. Her husband died in 1974.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Hunloke Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, Unionist member of Parliament for the Western Division of Derbyshire from 1938 to 1944, died on January 13.

Colonel Thomas Anson, Thornton, CVO, who died on January 12 at the age of 91, was Colonel of the 7th Hussars 1948-52 and High Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1946-47.

Viscountess Daventry, wife of Viscount Daventry, died on January 14. She was Grace Zoë, daughter of C. H. C. Guinness, and she was married in 1916.

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Queen's Bench Division

When reconnecting electricity supply is not an offence

Boggeln v Williams

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Lloyd

When a person is charged with the offence of dishonestly and without lawful authority using electricity contrary to section 13 of the Theft Act, 1968, the prosecution have to establish not only that he had no lawful authority but also that he was guilty of dishonesty.

The Divisional Court so held when dismissing a police appeal against the acquittal at Aylesbury Crown Court (Judge Verney) of Ronald Boggeln, of Milton Keynes, of contravening section 13.

An application for a certificate that a point of law of general public importance was involved in the decision and for leave to appeal to the House of Lords was adjourned.

Section 13 provides: "A person who dishonestly uses without due authority . . . any electricity shall . . . be liable" to penalty.

Mr Christopher Hordern for Cyril Williams, a police officer; Mr Brian Leech for Mr Boggeln.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that Mr Boggeln was convicted by Stony Stratford magistrates and was conditionally discharged. He appealed to the Crown Court.

The East Midlands Electricity Board supplied electricity to Mr Boggeln through a meter. After giving him notice, the board disconnected the supply by removing a main fuse and sealing the fuse holder. He had failed to pay £39 for electricity previously used.

After the disconnexion Mr Boggeln told a board employee that he intended reconnecting the supply, and was told that, if he did so, it would be disconnected again. He broke the seal and reconnected the supply. He did not believe that the board consented to the reconnexion but did believe that, by giving notice of his intention and ensuring that the consumption was duly recorded through the meter, he was not acting dishonestly in reconnecting.

The meter continued to record the consumption of electricity. Mr Boggeln knew how to effect reconnexion in such a way that consumption would not be recorded. When he reconnected the supply he believed, as he asserted, that he would be in a position to pay for electricity subsequently consumed at the date when payment was due. The Crown Court was satisfied that his belief was genuine and was not satisfied that it was unreasonable.

His Lordship said that section 2(2) of the Theft Act provided that a person's appropriation of property belonging to another "may be dishonest notwithstanding that he is willing to pay. . . ". Although a person might be guilty of dishonesty even though willing to pay, nevertheless it was in each case a question of fact whether or not he was guilty of dishonesty. The question related to his state of mind, and had to be answered subjectively. Did the defendant have a dishonest mind or not?

That being the question, it was answered by the statement in the case that Mr Boggeln believed that, by giving notice of his intention and ensuring that consumption was duly recorded through the meter, he was not acting dishonestly in reconnecting.

Mr Hordern had argued that that finding of fact did not really help Mr Boggeln because a man's belief as to his own honesty or dishonesty was irrelevant. In his Lordship's judgment, it was not only relevant but crucial in the present case.

The decisions in *R v Williams* ([1953] 1 QB 660) and *R v Cockburn* ([1968] 1 WLR 281) had to be read in the light of the five-judge court's decision in *R v Feely* ([1973] QB 530), which really governed the present case. Applying the standard of the ordinary decent man, referred to in *Feely*, the Crown Court was simply entitled to make the finding, which supported its conclusion that he believed that, when payment became due, he would be able to pay for electricity consumed, that that belief was not proved to be unreasonable, and that his state of mind at the relevant time was not dishonest.

The fact that he did not believe at the time of reconnexion that he had the board's consent to reconnect did not of itself make his conduct dishonest in law. In each case it was a question of fact whether or not the necessary dishonesty was proved.

Mr Hordern had said that, if the decision were to go in favour of Mr Boggeln it would create great difficulties for electricity boards and people in their position. His Lordship would only say that the fact that the present case might be decided in favour of Mr Boggeln did not mean that other cases would be so decided. As Lord Justice Lawton had said in *Feely*, at p 535C, "Nothing in this judgment should lead anyone, particularly those tempted to put their hands into other people's tills, to think that for the future the prospects of acquittal will be substantially improved".

Mr Hordern wished to reserve the question whether *Feely* was or was not correctly decided.

On the facts found the Crown Court was right. The question in the case stated was: "Is an intention to pay for electricity knowingly used without the authority of the electricity board capable of affording a defence to a charge under section 13, if that intention is based on a genuine belief that the user will be able to pay at the due time for payment?" It should be answered yes and the acquittal upheld.

MR JUSTICE O'CONNOR, agreeing, said that, without doubt what Mr Boggeln did was without due authority, but there remained the issue—and the burden was on the prosecution to establish it—whether he was acting dishonestly. That was a question of fact and, despite the warning given by Lord Justice Lawton in *Feely* about the undesirability of seeking to say what was meant by dishonesty, inevitably when a case under section 13 was being considered, a test had to be the mental position of the defendant as to whether he was able and willing to pay for what he used.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, also agreeing, said that it was important that the flexibility of section 1 of the Theft Act should not be lost by putting the word "dishonestly" in the straitjacket of definition.

The appeal was dismissed. An order for payment of the prosecutor's cost of appeal out of central funds was made. Legal aid taxation of Mr Boggeln's costs was ordered.

Solicitors: Mr J. Malcolm Simons, Oxford; Giffen, Couch & Archer, Stony Stratford.

Court of Appeal

Sponsor's absence no bar to immigrant settling in Britain

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Manek

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Lloyd

A Kenyan youth who was sponsored as an entrant to the United Kingdom by his mother was not disentitled from settling permanently here because the mother had gone to Kenya and died there. The sponsor's absence from the country at the time of the application did not destroy his right.

The Divisional Court granted an application by Kaushik Liladhar Manek, student, of Pinner, Middlesex, for an order of certiorari to quash a determination of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal on September 22, 1977, dismissing his appeal against the decision of the Secretary of State for Home Affairs to make a deportation order against him.

HC 79 (Statement of Immigration Rules for Control on Entry: Commonwealth Citizens), by paragraph 39, provides: "Paragraphs 39-46 of these rules cover the admission for settlement of the dependants of a person who is already in the United Kingdom and settled here, or who is on the same occasion given indefinite leave to enter. In all such cases . . . that person must be able and willing to support and accommodate his dependants without recourse to public funds. . . ."

Mr Michael Beloff for the applicant; Mr Harry Woulf for the appeal tribunal.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the main ground of the application was that the tribunal had erred in law in holding that the phrase "already in the United Kingdom" in paragraph 39, on its true construction and in its context, referred to a state of actual physical presence at the material time, but not to a state of having already arrived there at the time, albeit being temporarily absent.

The applicant, a citizen of Kenya, aged 18, was admitted to the United Kingdom as a visitor in December, 1972. He intended to settle as a dependant of his mother, who was settled here. At the time of his application for leave to settle permanently, in January, 1973, his mother was in Kenya, where she died in July, 1973. His application was refused by the Home Office in 1974 and he was notified of the Home Secretary's decision to deport him. Both an adjudicator and the tribunal dismissed his appeals.

His Lordship referred to the opening words of paragraph 39, and said that for the definition of "settlement" and "settled" one had to look to the Immigration Act, 1971. Section 2(3)(d) said that "references to a person being settled in the United Kingdom . . . are references to his being ordinarily resident there without being subject under the immigration laws to any restriction on the period for which he may remain".

On the literal wording of paragraph 39, the sponsor under whose wing the entrant was to lodge must be already in and settled in the country. So the issue was whether the mother ceased to come within the terms of the paragraph because she had gone to Kenya.

The tribunal had concluded that the applicant could not press his claim to entry as a dependant under the paragraph because the mother was physically out of the country, but that the claim would be recognized if she was physically here.

In the tribunal's view "the purpose of [paragraphs] 39-47 is to provide, in certain circumstances, for the maintenance of family unity and to prevent families being split up. . . . [The wording of paragraph 39] is unambiguous and when [it] speaks of 'a person who is already in the United Kingdom', it means exactly what it says".

But the rules were to be given a somewhat more relaxed construction. The purpose of paragraph 39 was to ensure that the facilities which the sponsor would be responsible for were available when the child or dependant arrived. Therefore when one looked at the words "already in the United Kingdom", the question whether the sponsor was in or out of the country at any moment in a physical sense should not be the guiding factor.

His Lordship did not feel compelled to say that the sponsor's absence, however temporary, could destroy an applicant's right under the rules. However, his Lordship was not oblivious of the views expressed by Lord Justice Scarman in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Mughal* ([1974] 1 QB 313), but the words construed in that case were not the same as those in the present case.

The tribunal were wrong in regarding themselves bound to reject the application because of the unhappy chance that the mother was physically out of the country. Certiorari would go with a view to the tribunal reconsidering the matter.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson agreed, and Mr Justice Lloyd gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Malkin, Cuffie and Sumption; Treasury Solicitor.

Court of Appeal

Figures needed to make tax agreement binding

Delbourgo v Field (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Eveleigh

[Judgments delivered January 20]

An agreement in writing between a taxpayer and his tax inspector that certain receipts should be apportioned for tax purposes between capital gains tax and income tax is not an agreement within section 54 of the Taxes Management Act, 1970, and not binding on the inspector unless the figures of such apportionment are specified.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr R. J. Delbourgo, from a decision of Mr Justice Foster (*The Times*, November 10, 1976) upholding assessments made on the taxpayer to capital gains tax for 1968-69 of £200,000, for 1969-70 of £20,000, and for 1971-72 of £90,000.

The taxpayer was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The taxpayer had a dispute with a company to which he had sold shares on certain agreed terms and with which he had entered into a service agreement. His claim against that company for damages for breaches of the agreements was settled by the taxpayer receiving payment from the company totalling £399,357. Correspondence then followed between the taxpayer and his inspector of taxes as to apportioning for tax purposes the settlement between the sale agreement (being subject to capital gains tax computation) and the service agreement (being subject to income tax computation).

In the course of the correspondence the inspector wrote agreeing to the taxpayer's suggestion about an apportionment, but at no time was any conclusive decision reached regarding the actual figures of any such apportionment. Subsequently the inspector resiled from his view that an apportionment could be made, and the whole amount was charged to capital gains tax. The taxpayer argued that his appeals against the assessments had been settled as the result of the agreement arrived at between himself and the inspector under the provisions of section 54.

Section 54 provides: "(1) . . . where a person gives notice of appeal and, before the appeal is determined by the commissioners, the inspector . . . and the appellant come to an agreement, whether in writing or otherwise, that the assessment or decision under appeal should be treated as upheld without variation, or as varied in a particular manner or as discharged or cancelled, the like consequences shall ensue for all purposes as would have ensued if, at the time when the agreement was come to, the commissioners had determined the appeal. . . ."

Mr Delbourgo in person; Mr C. H. McCall for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ORR said that it was common ground that the parties had in fact agreed that the payment should be apportioned between capital gains tax and income tax, and the question was whether it was an agreement that the assessments "should be treated as varied in a particular manner". If it was such an agreement the result would be that "the like consequences shall ensue for all purposes as would have ensued if . . . the commissioners had determined the appeal".

Those words clearly involved that the agreement, if it was to fall within section 54, must be such that the commissioners, on the basis of the agreement reached, could, instead of determining the appeal, which they were relieved from doing if the agreement fell within that section, substitute a different figure in place of the amount of the assessment.

In the result, the agreement to fall within the section, must be an agreement to treat the assessment as being upheld, or as being discharged, or as being varied: if it was an agreement to vary it must specify what the amount of the assessment should be or, at

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the very least, it should provide the commissioners with a basis from which the varied figure could readily be calculated.

The agreement in question provided neither a figure nor any basis from which a figure could be calculated. Accordingly it was not an agreement falling within the section and the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Eveleigh agreed and Lord Justice Stamp delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Foord surveyors

Leyland share of market falls to nearly 20 pc despite record car stocks

By Clifford Webb

Problems facing Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, in reorganizing his failing cars subsidiary are worsening daily. Semi-official sales returns for the first 18 days of January show that Leyland's share of the British market is continuing to fall despite record stocks in its dealers' showrooms.

Returns based on reports from Leyland's own sales network point to a market share of between 20 and 22 per cent. As Leyland traditionally performs best in the first half of the month, it could mean a disastrous figure for the whole of January of below 20 per cent.

This compares with 23.4 per cent in December, 24.3 for 1977 as a whole, 27.4 for 1976 and the company's pre-Ryder share of 35 per cent.

And the excuse so frequently offered by management is no longer justified. Throughout last year it blamed strikes in its own and supplier factories for keeping Leyland dealers short of cars. "Give us the cars and we will show you how to sell", company spokesmen said.

Now with admitted stocks of 100,000 cars—and industry sources put it as high as 130,000—they are still losing out to Ford, Vauxhall and importers like Datsun. The Japanese market leader here is heading for a record 4.5 per cent this month compared with 2.1 per cent in December when it group urgently needs a new or face-lifted contender in this sector.

But that is not the whole story. There is evidence of a growing lack of confidence among motorists about Leyland's future.

It is known that Mr Edwardes is giving priority to moves to bolser Leyland's image. But it is a chicken and egg situation.

On the one hand he must improve the image to sell more cars. On the other he must reduce manning immediately by at least 12,000 jobs, and that could lead to another confrontation with the unions and a further setback to the company's badly dented image.

Without naming Leyland, the Motor Agents Association says it is also worried about mounting stocks held by members "handling franchises of one or two makes of cars". Together with the Finance Houses Association, it is pressing the Government to ease hire-purchase restrictions.

Support for chairman: Mr Terry Duffy, Midlands national executive member of the engineering union, declared that British Leyland was finished unless the workers supported Mr Edwardes. He said: "Mr Edwardes has the support of the Industry Secretary, the Government, and the National Enterprise Board. We must give him a chance and judge him by results. If not, Leyland is finished."



Mr Terry Duffy: workers must support chairman.

imposed restrictions on its own dealers to try to offset the growing pressure for government action to curtail Japanese imports.

Another worry for Mr Edwardes is that Leyland's share has fallen in a month which is traditionally one of the best for private sales, as opposed to the company or fleet sector dominated by Ford. Private motorists are still prepared to wait for January to obtain the latest registration year on their log book.

Much of Leyland's deterioration is due to its increasingly unattractive "bread and butter" family saloons — the Marina and the Allegro. The

EEC levies duties on 'dumped' steel

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 23

Imposition of provisional anti-dumping duties against six categories of steel imports from seven countries was announced today by the European Commission on behalf of the EEC's nine member states.

The duties, expected to take effect tomorrow, are the first to be imposed under the Community's new minimum import price system.

The steel suppliers affected by the decision are Spain, Poland, Bulgaria, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Canada and South Korea. Duties will be applied to imports of galvanized sheets, hot-rolled sheets other than electrical, haematite pig iron and cast iron containing less than 0.1 per cent manganese, cold-rolled sheet other than electrical, coils for re-rolling, and wire rod.

Anti-dumping investigations have also been opened by the Commission against imports of the same products from six other countries—Austria, Finland, East Germany, Hungary, Romania and the Soviet Union.

The Commission's action was taken in response to complaints from steel companies in Britain and France. Duties have been immediately imposed, however, only against those imports for which there is proof that they are entering the Community below the basic prices fixed by the EEC at the beginning of the year.

Under the EEC's import system, which is designed to protect the Community's steel industry against undercutting by foreign suppliers, basic import prices are fixed by the EEC, based on the production costs of the most efficient foreign suppliers.

If EEC companies complain that they are suffering "material injury" from low-cost imports and if Customs checks show that the quoted delivery price of imports is less than the basic price published by the EEC, provisional duties can be imposed at once.

According to Commission officials there is strong prima facie evidence of damage to the EEC steel industry from the imports against which action is being taken.

July deadline for Gatt accord

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Jan 23

An end-of-July deadline was set today for establishing the main constituents of a balanced final agreement in the Tokyo round of negotiations for further liberalizing world trade.

This was agreed at a meeting between Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special representative for trade negotiations, Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japanese minister for external economic affairs, and Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, vice-president of the EEC Commission, with Mr Olivier Long, director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Gatt secretariat will have a catalytic role in the process of achieving compromises on issues, such as agricultural products where divergence of views remains wide.

Herr Haferkamp told a news conference that this deadline had been fixed because of the realization that if the summer break intervened and momentum was lost before political decisions were reached, the timetable would be set back only two months.

Church call to enforce labour code in S Africa

By Malcolm Brown

A call for sanctions to back up the EEC code of conduct for European firms in South Africa was made yesterday by Christian Concern for Southern Africa, the multi-denominational British church group set up to press for Africans' rights in the Republic.

CCSA, in submissions to the Department of Trade and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, also recommends that a parliamentary committee should be set up to monitor and assess the performance of companies under the code.

Last September the foreign ministers of the Nine announced that a code had been accepted by all EEC members governing such matters as pay and labour relations. The British Government is sounding out interested parties in the United Kingdom and will then announce how the code is to be implemented in this country.

CCSA says that the unsatisfactory performance of the British code of conduct introduced four years ago following investigations by the Trade and Industry subcommittee has led to scepticism.

"This atmosphere will only be dispelled by the clear and decisive action on the part of the Government to demonstrate that it has the political will fully to back the code of practice approach."

The group makes six recommendations on the European code. First, the scope of its application should be at least as wide as that of the original British code and should not be limited to the operations of legal subsidiaries.

CCSA points out under the British code United Kingdom companies with minority shareholdings were exempted from the requirement to lay reports on their activities before the Department of Trade, but were still subject to the code itself.

The EEC code appears to exclude minority shareholders. This, the CCSA points out, would mean that such important companies as Consolidated Gold Fields and ICI would not be obliged to recognize it.

Secondly, the requirements of the code should be made more specific to aid implementation and subsequent assessment; there should be a move from the recognition of general principles to the acceptance of specific duties.

Thirdly, the disclosure provisions of the code—under which companies would be required to publish detailed reports on progress made in applying it—should be made mandatory and applied to associates as well as subsidiary companies.

Fourthly, the CCSA says, a parliamentary committee should be set up for monitoring and assessing. Calls for information from such a committee would have the force of a subpoena.

Fifth, reports to the committee should be at six-month intervals, rather than the year proposed. Finally, the threat of commercial sanctions should be made real and immediate for breaches of the code.

Companies which did not comply with disclosure requirements would be in contempt of Parliament. On the question of compliance with the rest of the code, the CCSA wants the Government to introduce tough sanctions.

Three areas are immediately relevant, it points out: export credits and guarantees on trade with South Africa; double taxation reliefs on South African earnings; and the eligibility of firms for United Kingdom government contracts.

£26m North Sea contract goes to Japanese because British yards cannot meet deadline

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

A £26m firefighting and maintenance vessel to work on the Piper and Claymore oil fields in the North Sea has been ordered from a Japanese shipyard because British yards could not meet the deadline of the middle of next year.

Occidental Petroleum, operator for the group of companies that runs the two oilfields, has received tacit government approval for the deal. Officials of the Department of Energy and the Offshore Supplies Office accept that it is more important to have the vessel on station by mid-1979 than to have it built in a British yard with delivery up to a year later.

Mitsubishi, which built a similar vessel, the Phillips SS, to guard the Phillips Group's Ekofisk fields in Norway, will construct the main semi-submersible structure at a cost of $40m (£20.8m). Ancillary equipment, including the firefighting apparatus, will cost another $10m (£5.2m) and the Government hopes that a large part of this will be ordered from British companies.

According to government sources, there is also a chance that more of the main electrical and engineering equipment will come from British companies, increasing the value of home content to well above the $10m mark.

Although the order has been placed in Japan, the Government expects that at least one of the next two semi-submersibles will go to British yards.

British Petroleum has restricted tendering for a semi-submersible for its Forties field to British yards, and is evaluating bids from Scott Lithgow, Swan Hunter and Govan Shipbuilders.

Shell is completing specifications for its proposed firefighting and maintenance vessel. These may be slightly different from the Occidental and BP vessels since it will have to serve concrete as well as steel platforms.

Earlier this month the Department of Energy and the oil companies agreed that the North Sea should be split into five sectors for firefighting and other emergency purposes. There are seven conventional firefighting and support vessels operating in the British sector of the North Sea. A further six, including the three semi-submersibles, are planned over the next four or five years.

American rig owners, Sedco, will operate the vessel for Occidental and discussions are continuing over the final form of ownership. Sedco owns the Phillips SS and leases it to Phillips. A number of similar options are being considered for the Occidental rig.

Occidental has also agreed to a government request that it should have a British crew, and is considering another request for the vessel to be registered in Britain.

Chrysler hint of new model policy

By Our Industrial Editor

A hint of changes to Chrysler's car models, as detailed in its agreement with the Government for state aid, was given in the Commons yesterday by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry.

Mr Varley stated: "I understand that the model policy of Chrysler UK is being discussed with officials of my department. The proposal has not been put to me, but I hope to be able to say something about it in due course."

There has for some time been internal speculation within the workforce that Chrysler's next new car, scheduled for 1979, will centre on Ryton at Coventry, rather than Linwood, Renfrewshire, where there have been labour problems. It is known that Chrysler is working on a major model suitable for international car markets.

Yesterday, Mr Varley was at pains to reassure Commons questioners that Chrysler UK would get no more funds from the Government beyond the present contractual agreements with the American parent corporation.

He acknowledged that the 1977 profit target had not been met, though it had always been envisaged that it would be "a struggle". However, integration with Chrysler's European operation had been reasonably successful.

"I hope there can be improvements", Mr Varley said. "I understand that at Linwood improvements have taken place over the past two weeks."

Losses by Chrysler UK are expected to total around £20m for 1977, which means the Department of Industry will bear up to half the deficit, since its contractual ceiling on loss payments was set at £10m for last year. Originally it was hoped that Chrysler would make a small profit in 1977, but problems at Linwood have disrupted plans. Last year taxpayers provided £40m in payments towards previous losses, plus advances relating to a major guaranteed loan.

Ships team off to settle Indian deal

By Edward Townsend

A top level delegation from British Shipbuilders will leave for India at the end of this week for a series of discussions which, it is hoped, will complete the contract for British yards to build ships worth £52m.

The controversial deal, under which Britain would provide aid money to India to pay for the ships, has been criticized by some MPs. Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, will face close questioning on the terms when she appears before an all-party Parliamentary Select Committee tomorrow.

The British Shipbuilders' team will arrive in Bombay on Sunday and is due to have talks with Government and shipping executives there and in Calcutta and Karachi.

The group will be led by Mr Ross Belch, managing director of Scott Lithgow, and include Mr A. Gilchrist, managing director of Govan Shipbuilders, Mr Archie Killin, sales and marketing director for Robb Caledon, Mr Derek Kimber, chairman of Austin & Pickersgill, and Mr George Parker, managing director of Smith's Dock.

It will be accompanied by Mr M. Robinson, managing director of the London shipping broker, Eggar Forrester, and an expert on the Indian shipping market.

The group will join Mr Jim Gilfillan, chairman and chief executive of Sunderland Shipbuilders, in Bombay.

Inquiry urged into Swan Hunter as state chief stays firm on lost order

By Christopher Thomas and Donald Macintyre

British Shipbuilders yesterday made it clear that it is prepared to forfeit £30m of the £115m Polish shipbuilding order unless it is able to guarantee delivery on time.

Mr Michael Casey, chief executive, flies to Poland tomorrow to complete the deal. But he said: "If I thought we could not meet the delivery date I would not sign the contract and would have to tell that to the Poles."

The £30m part of the deal relates to four ships which have just been reallocated from Swan Hunter to other yards as a result of a long-standing pay battle between boilermakers and outfitters on Tyneside.

It appears that there would be no difficulty in concluding a deal for the remainder of the contract and forfeiting the four ships.

Mr Casey was adamant that the four ships could not be returned to Swan Hunter. British Shipbuilders is now proposing a full inquiry into the chaotic wage structure on Tyneside in an attempt to ensure that one of the top British yards does not again lose work because of hostility between workers.

Mr Casey remained optimistic yesterday that he would sign the contract for the entire Polish order.

But shop stewards at Govan Shipbuilders, which has been allocated three of the four ships, said after a meeting yesterday that all four ships



Mr Michael Casey: no return of ships to Swan Hunter.

should still be built on the Tyne. The fourth has been allocated to Smith's Dock on the Tees.

The Govan decision will increase speculation about the likelihood of the four ships being built in Britain. It is understood that a firm decision on the entire Polish order must be made by Friday at the latest.

Boilermakers' leaders and British Shipbuilders' officials were locked in talks for the fourth consecutive day yesterday in an attempt to unravel the inter-worker differences on Tyneside.

The latest trouble arose when the 3,500 boilermakers decided to end a job flexibility agreement because, they argued, a "fair wages" award to outfitters eroded traditional pay differentials.

Originally seven 16,500-tonne bulk carriers were allocated to Swan Hunter, worth more than £50m. However to judge by Mr Casey's stand yesterday, it now looks certain it will get none of them.

He believed that given union cooperation the terms of reference for the Tyneside inquiry could be established within a fortnight. Its purpose would be to resolve the "leapfrogging" between Boilermakers' Society members and those in outfitting trades.

British Shipbuilders' executives are privately confident that orders to replace the lost Polish ships at Swan Hunter can be found, provided the inter-union rivalry can be eliminated.

Lord McCarthy, one of the country's most prominent industrial arbitrators, and a part-time member of the board of Harland and Wolff, is one of three or four figures under consideration for heading such an inquiry.

Union chief's move: Mr John Chalmers, chairman of the shipbuilding committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, has called an emergency meeting of the committee in London tonight to discuss Swan Hunter.

Tomorrow he will lead a delegation to see Mr Casey before he leaves for Poland in an attempt to persuade them to restore the lost ships order to Tyneside.

Fraud squad investigates Stern group disposals

By Ray Maughan

Certain transactions involving the break-up of the £200m Stern property empire are being investigated by the City Fraud Squad.

Detective Chief Superintendent Taylor said yesterday: "I have asked Detective Superintendent Marcus Kirkwood of the City of London Police Fraud Squad to be investigating the disposal of certain properties of the Stern group at the request of the liquidator, W. H. Cork, Gully".

Since Stern collapsed with debts of £170m in 1974—the Property Agents, which advanced £70m, is one of the major institutional creditors—52 blocks have been sold, five more are being sold on individual leases and three remain unsold.

The liquidator is understood to have received more than 10 complaints from Stern's tenants over the last two years and, following its normal procedures, referred them all to the City Fraud Squad.

In many cases, the tenants have formed companies in order to buy their premises only to see them going to foreign or offshore nominee companies. The chairman of one residents' company, Mr Jack Beauprez, of Sheen Court, Richmond, has written to Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Environment.

His letter says: "I am astonished that the Government has not seen fit, during its four years of office, to amplify the provisions of the Housing Act (1974) requiring a landlord's true identity to be divulged to the residents."

"A public inquiry into the Stern break-up has been called for by MPs. Surely your department should intervene to ensure that the few remaining Stern tenants have a fair deal."

Successor to ousted German banker named

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Jan 23

Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale supervisory council, today appointed Dr Johannes Völling as the bank's chief executive in succession to Dr Ludwig Poullain, who was summarily dismissed last week. Dr Völling, who is 55, was previously Dr Poullain's deputy on the bank's managing board.

Dr Völling has been second in command at the Westdeutsche Landesbank since its creation. He was previously on the managing board of the Rheinische Girozentrale und Provinzialbank, which merged with the Westfälische Girozentrale in 1969 to become the Westdeutsche Landesbank.

Today's meeting of the supervisory council also decided to change the bank's constitution so that in future it will have two deputy chief executives instead of one.

Dr Ludwig Trippen, a member of the bank's managing board, was today appointed as Dr Völling's deputy while another board member, Dr Walter Seipp, will also be given the title of deputy chairman of the managing board.

Dr Trippen will be largely responsible for the bank's domestic business while Dr Seipp's main area of responsibility will be foreign business.

Gold rises as dollar drops

Caroline Atkinson

The gold price jumped by £ an ounce on the London market yesterday to close at $175.625, its best dollar level since April 1975. This reflected the weaker dollar, the markets being generally unenthusiastic about the economic measures announced over the weekend and yesterday by President Carter.

Sterling rose by 0.1 against a basket of currencies to finish at 66.2 on the effective trade-weighted index. This matches the highest closing level for this index since April 1976. The pound is now 6 per cent higher than it was before the October 31 decision to allow a free float.

Wall St lower: On the New Stock Exchange the Dow Jones industrial average closed 6.24 points lower at 770.70.

Carter budget measures could increase deficit above this year's $61,800m total

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Jan 23

Modest stimulus to the American economy will be provided by the 1979 Budget announced by President Carter today, with public spending set to rise by 8 per cent.

Congress is likely to add to the President's spending proposals while rejecting some of his tax reform measures, and the result could be a deficit considerably above this year's estimated $61,800m (£32,000m) total. Financing the Budget will involve significant increases in Treasury borrowing, which could generate some strains in the money and capital markets.

The President noted in his message to Congress today that his programme represented a reduction in the government's share of total gross national product from 22.6 per cent this year to 22 per cent in the 1979 fiscal year that starts on October 1.

The Administration believes that its proposals will ensure further significant economic growth without unleashing new inflationary pressures. It believes that real gross national product will rise by 4.7 per cent this year and by 4.8 per cent in 1979, following a 4.9 per cent gain last year.

Both inflation and unemployment are seen as falling gradually over the next 24 months so that consumer prices rise at an annual rate of 6 per cent by December 1979—compared with a current level of about 6.9 per cent—and the jobless rate falls to 5.8 per cent from December's 6.4 per cent level by the fourth quarter of next year.

Despite the tax-cutting proposals, the Administration expects a $39,200m rise in receipts in the next fiscal year. Many congressmen said Congress was unlikely to approve all the President's tax reform measures.

Many business leaders complained that the tax-cutting plans did not provide adequate benefits to corporations, especially in view of newly-mandated social security and payroll tax increases and the President's plan to eliminate some tax benefits on foreign investment and export manufacturing.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Treasury Secretary, said the Government's increased financing needs should not result in any "crowding out" of private borrowers in the capital markets. He said that with the prospect of no real improvement in the current account payments deficit this year he expected foreign investors, notably central banks, to resume large-scale buying of government securities.

The Budget is likely to lead to a $73,000m increase in the next fiscal year in the federal debt to $690,800m. The Administration is forecasting a modest rise in short-term interest rates, with the average rate on 91-day Treasury bills amounting to 6.1 per cent in 1978 and 1979 against 5.2 per cent in 1977.

Public spending, while vast, represents a real increase or less than 2 per cent. The President claimed this was a "tight" Budget, and said this was only possible because of the improvements in the Budget's management deriving from the introduction this year of zero-based budgeting techniques.

But there are numerous aspects which raise doubts about the Administration holding spending down to its projected levels.

Spending on health services is set to raise by $5,416m to $49,677m, but further gains could result from introduction of new national health insurance schemes. The Administration said it would make its national health insurance proposals in the spring, but they would not involve increased outlays in 1979 or 1980.

Programmes to reduce higher education costs are also promised within a few months, which could add to spending in an area where outlays are already set to increase next fiscal year by $3,000m to $30,421m.

Nominal increases are planned in spending for the environment, the cities, numerous welfare areas and foreign aid, and Congress may make additions to several of these sectors. Defence increases have been held to a real gain of less than 3 per cent.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 204.28—0.29
The FT index: 486.6—1.0

Rises

Forest Group	13p to 271p	Int Paint	8p to 70p
Gram Trding 'B'	40p to 410p	Kloof	19p to 480p
Inland Prop	20p to 355p	Libanon	19p to 490p
Mann & Mason	25p to 560p	McLeod Russel	15p to 240p
Money	21p to 383p	Ramers	7p to 109p
Prison Cros	25p to 400p	Southvaa	15p to 500p
Scapa	13p to 380p	Takeda Bdr	50p to 820p

Falls

Baker McCon	5p to 225p	Ldn Sumatra	5p to 123p
Dennic	4p to 170p	Oil Explor	14p to 226p
Gray J	7p to 299p	Plaxtons	7p to 124p
Lovor Tin	10p to 460p	Prop & Rever	5p to 310p
Lower	5p to 360p	Tate & Lyle	8p to 206p
Mr Heath	4p to 258p	Thomson Org	4p to 640p
Stirling Gibson	5p to 225p	Wigfall H.	6p to 262p

Activities were mixed in quiet trading.

Gilt-edged securities eased back. (Effective rate 34.18 per cent).

Dollar premium 9.75 per cent

Sterling gained 95 pts to $1.9420. Sterling effective exchange rate index at 66.2.

Gold gained $2.50 an ounce to $175.625.

SDR-$ was 1.21308 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.626106.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1403.2 (previous 1410.4).

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THE POUND

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.70
Austria Sch	31.00	29.00
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.19	2.13
Denmark Kr	11.46	11.06
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.75
France Fr	9.39	9.07
Germany Dm	4.28	4.06
Greece Dr	79.00	75.00
Hongkong $	9.25	8.80
Italy Lr	1760.00	1670.00
Japan Yn	490.00	465.00
Netherlands Gld	4.57	4.35
Norway Kr	10.24	9.88
Portugal Esc	91.00	85.00
S Africa Rd	2.40	2.20
Spain Pes	165.75	159.00
Sweden Kr	9.28	8.93
Switzerland Fr	4.07	3.85
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	37.25

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Strength to Strength

With pre-tax profits up again, this time by 22%, Chairman Harold E. Williams reports satisfactory progress in the face of particularly adverse trading conditions.

All three operating divisions again contributed to profitability, demonstrating the importance of a broad business base in three key metal-orientated markets.

The Steel Service Centres, which accounted for 62% of group turnover, increased trading profits to £666,000 (£615,000). This despite the severe recession in the steel industry.

The Foundry Division already benefiting from recent investment, has extensive plans for further expansion of production of S.G. iron castings. Their profits improved to £449,000 (£361,000).

The Architectural Products Division achieved profits of £235,000 (£157,000) and continues to expand its successful Window Centre retail operation.

— Extracts from 1977 Report (in £000's)

	1977	1976	1975	1974
Net Assets Employed	6116	5485	4511	3059
Turnover	18402	16670	13880	11871
Trading Profit	1538	1115	1114	1125
Interest	427	369	408	409
Profit before Tax	911	744	706	714
Earnings attributable to the Shareholders	432	360	336	342
Ordinary Dividends	110	99	90	84

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Builders see real threat of takeover by state

By John Huxley

A warning that the construction industry should not be misled by attempts by proponents of nationalization to play down their intentions was given yesterday by Mr Peter Morley, president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers.

Speaking at the federation's centenary dinner at the Guildhall, London, he said: "We are told that it is not really nationalization, but bringing into social ownership." He reminded guests that the Labour Party document emphasizes "that only direct control, through ownership of a substantial and vital sector of growth industries' will allow a Labour Government to achieve our essential aims"

The document went on, Mr Morley said, to say that there were additional powerful arguments for taking a major public stake in construction.

Last week, Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, who chaired the working party which produced the proposals, accused the industry of overreacting and misinterpreting the plans. He said that wholesale nationalization was not intended.

Mr Morley wondered why those who press for nationalization were so coy about using the word. It was, he said, because the word suggested to "appropriate, commandeer, dispossess, monopolize, devour". It did not suggest improved performance.

"Clearly, it is a word that has no appeal; nor does the concept of nationalization have any appeal to the electorate. I hope that the sensible members in Government—and there are many—will ensure that the proposals do not appear in their party manifesto."

Mr Morley said there was now evidence that the industry's workload is increasing and that prospects are brighter. "Revival will not be found solely in an increased volume of work, but will require the effective harnessing of individual effort on the part of every single person in the industry. This can transform productivity, giving greater competitiveness, which could lead to more work"

Further evidence that the construction industry is slowly beginning to recover is provided by figures published yesterday

New orders during November were worth an estimated £687m, against £618m in October. At seasonally adjusted, constant prices new orders in the three months September to November were 11 per cent up on the previous three months and 6 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

The biggest increase came in the public works sector. Although public housing orders in September to November were 5 per cent down on the previous three months, awards for non-housing work were up 42 per cent.

Private-sector housing for the same periods of comparison increased 12 per cent.

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BIM wary on corruption safeguards

By Malcolm Brown

Nationalized industries should not be subject to the tough anti-corruption rules proposed by the Salmon Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life, the British Institute of Management said yesterday.

The institute, in a memorandum to the Department of Industry, says the Salmon recommendations should apply to those in public life and to a nucleus of public-sector bodies such as the Stationery Office, the Public Works Loan Board and the Land Registry.

But the nationalized industries—public sector bodies with a trading function—should be treated like the private sector.

The Salmon Commission, which reported in 1976, recommended that the Prevention of Corruption Acts, as they apply to the public sector, should be amended and consolidated into a new Act. It also suggested that the opportunity should be taken to consider what changes were needed in applying existing legislation to the private sector.

In its evidence to the department the BIM makes clear that it is restricting its observations only to matters concerning bribery and corruption in the United Kingdom.

Bribery and corruption offences are serious wherever they occur, the institute says, but "if the Salmon recommendations were to apply to the private sector there would be a danger that a large part of accepted—and at present lawful—company practices would be swept away.

"Curtailing such practices would hamper British companies in the home market, and place British industry at a severe disadvantage in the world trading situation. We feel that current company practice should be protected as far as possible."

On the nationalized industries the BIM states: "We believe that the distinction between the public sector nucleus and all other bodies engaged in commercial trade is more relevant in this context than that between bodies in public or private ownership."

The institute recommends that the nucleus group should remain subject to more stringent rules and penalties for bribery and corruption than members of other bodies—whether in the private or public sector—which have a trading function.

A spokesman for the BIM said this could be taken to mean that there might be separate, less stringent legislation covering trading concerns.

Third World finance aid suggested

Geneva, Jan 23.—Mr Gamani Corea, secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, said today that Third World countries seeking funds for financing their development should be given better access to Western bond markets.

He proposed that this should be done within a new international institution whose main object would be "to strengthen the functioning of the international financial system". He made the remarks during a discussion of developing countries' debt burdens under the auspices of Unctad.

Mr Corea said debt servicing by developing countries which did not export oil now absorbed an average 25 per cent of their export earnings.

He suggested developing countries could save about $600m (£309m) a year in debt service payments if advanced creditor nations would waive their claims on 29 of the world's poorest countries by turning the debts into grants.—AP-Dow Jones.

Easier HP controls urged by motor agents

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

The Motor Agents Association, supported by the Finance Houses Association, is to step up pressure on the Government to relax hire-purchase controls on cars as a way of freeing what it sees as a "log jam" of unsold vehicles.

Mr Norman Quick, the MAA president, said: "Simply expressed, there is a large over-supply situation facing our members handling franchises of one or two makes of car". He declined to name the makes but said he was referring to British manufacturers.

He said the over-supply of new cars had arisen because of very slow sales in the used car market. "Unless our members can move used car stocks more rapidly, the over-supply situations will get worse—assuming production and delivery schedules of new cars remain steady.

Mr Quick said he was worried that manufacturers might be forced into short-term working simply because dealers could not accept any more new cars, and this could have an effect on industrial relations.



Mr Norman Quick: Only answer to log jam.

An easing of hire-purchase controls was the "only logical answer" and he suggested a reduction in the deposit from one-third to a quarter and an extension of the repayment period from two to three years.

In brief

Dell mission for Spanish trade talks

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, leaves London today for three days of talks with the Spanish Government about trading and economic policy in the wake of Spain's decision to apply for membership of the European Economic Community.

His visit—the second by a British Cabinet minister since last year's Spanish elections—is not part of the EEC negotiations but is intended to open up the whole range of multilateral and bilateral trading problems.

Trade between Britain and Spain is now running at about £1,000m a year, with the balance last year slightly in Britain's favour.

The British, whose main exports there are machinery, would like to see a revision in the current trade agreement Spain has with EEC countries, and particularly an easing of the restrictions on imports into Spain.

Both quotas and high import duties have affected the exports from Britain of vehicles, tobacco, whisky and footwear. Spain in turn appears to be worried about Community policies on steel, textiles and agricultural products.

Wives' Leyland strike protest

Six Merseyside housewives will travel by minibus for London today in an attempt to get the Prime Minister to intervene in the 12-week unofficial strike at British Leyland's Triumph plant at Speke, Liverpool.

The stoppage of 1,800 production workers has led to another 4,000 men being laid off at Speke and Coventry, halting production of the TR7 and Dolomite models.

Mrs Maureen Crook, the housewives' leader, and her supporters plan to hand in a petition at 10 Downing Street signed by hundreds of people.

More permits for British hauliers on EEC routes in new Government move

A new move was announced by the Government yesterday to give British haulage companies more chance to carry international freight within the European Economic Community.

At the moment permits for hauliers to travel abroad are in desperately short supply, and many small companies are going to the wall or being forced to travel illegally on forged documents.

But a Department of Transport spokesman admitted last night that the permit position for British companies was still "far from satisfactory". He said: "Britain is the poor relation when it comes to travel permits. We would like to see the abolition of the system."

Last month the Council of Ministers gave Britain an additional allocation of 54 permits allowing hauliers to travel anywhere in the Community.

To ensure a fair share of permits all round, the Department of Transport has decided to offer the extra permits to operators who are prepared to surrender French permits allowing hauliers to go only to France or West Germany.

Mr Eric Russell, general secretary of the Road Haulage Association, said: "It is very difficult to allocate these permits and we think this is the fairest way. It is hard for small and new firms, as permits tend to go to old-established businesses.

"The permits surrendered will go into a pool of general quota permits available for the industry as a whole."

Drivers' strike causes 2,600 Hoover lay-offs

By Tim Jones

More than 2,600 workers were laid off at Hoover's washing-machine factory in Merthyr Tydfil yesterday because of a dispute between management and 47 drivers, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Unless a peace formula is found, all production in Europe's largest washing-machine factory could halt by the end of the week. The men have rejected a management offer which would have given them more than £100 a week.

One fear expressed by the union is that they could lose money under EEC regulations which seek to limit the amount of time a driver can spend on the road without a rest period.

In a statement yesterday the men said the management had conceded their claim for a 10 per cent increase, but attached unacceptable conditions to the guaranteed 10-hour day.

Neddy call to lift steel exports

Britain's constructional steelwork industry should aim to increase exports over the next four years by a third, despite a predicted upturn in home demand, according to a report being submitted to the National Economic Development Council next month.

The report, prepared by the constructional steelwork sector working party, says the industry, which employs about 33,000, intends to take full advantage of the rapid though short-lived improvement in the home market.

Domestic demand is expected to rise by 27 per cent this year and a further 24 per cent in 1979, falling off sharply thereafter.

However, the report says that exporting will provide a key opportunity in coming years.

Output between 1974 and 1977 fell by some 39 per cent. Home sales slumped by 46 per cent from 872,000 to 475,000 tonnes, but exports rose from 91,000 to 120,000 tonnes.

More concrete price pacts

A further 10 alleged price-fixing agreements in the ready-mixed concrete industry have been placed on the register of restrictive practices by Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading. The agreements, which have since been terminated, relate to arrangements to carve up the market for ready-mixed concrete.

Areas referred to in the latest agreements put on the register were: East Retford, Fylde, Barton on Humber, North Wirral, North Kent, Skipton, Leatherhead, Plymouth, Cornwall and Swansea. Orders are being sought from the Restrictive Practices Court to prevent the companies involved from giving effect to the agreements again, or entering into similar agreements.

£80m TriStar order by Delta

An order worth £80m, £18m of which will go to Rolls-Royce, was placed yesterday by Delta, the major United States airline, for five Lockheed TriStar-500 airliners. This was only the second order for the 500 version, British Airways being the other purchaser.

Delta will use the aircraft, which have a 6,000-mile non-stop range, on the new route it intends to open later this year between its headquarters in Atlanta and Gatwick, the second London airport. Delta is one of the main operators of the TriStar.

Westland Aircraft Limited



Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldington, PC, KCMG, CBE, DSO.

The results for our year 1976/77 have been dominated, as we indicated to you in the Interim Report, by additional costs and delays in the assembly of the Lynx which persisted until August.

It is right to remember when considering the U.K. Lynx contract that its terms were settled in 1973 when neither hyper-inflation nor several years of high levels of inflation were anticipated. The provisions now made have taken into account likely levels of inflation over the next two years.

In other respects, too, 1976/77 was not an easy year. The effect of the continuing high rate of inflation and the consequent strains on people must not be forgotten, even though they become familiar. Taking the rest of the business of the Group, most of it showed the expected increase in turnover and improvement in profits; in particular, Normalair-Garrett, despite being affected by industrial relations' difficulties in the neighbouring Westland Helicopters factory produced good results. British Hovercraft Corporation, in Cowes, substantially increased its turnover, but later in the year found that the fulfilment of its sizeable contract with British Railways to lengthen two SR.N4 hovercraft involved additional work which had not been fully foreseen. Whilst discussions proceed with British Railways, prudently a provision has been set aside for this important contract. The work done under the contract is confidently expected to lead to further orders for lengthened SR.N4 hovercraft.

Taking together the provisions that are necessary for the Lynx and the Hovercraft contracts, the year's profit of £5.8m before tax is about £6.5m less than it would otherwise have been.

There need be no doubt about the [longer term] opportunities open to us or our ability to match them. Your Directors have expressed their confidence in the more immediate future through their dividend recommendation. We have the resources in people, plant and money. We intend fully to exploit the investments and experience of recent years.

	1977 £'000	1976 £'000
Turnover	138,926	131,239
Profit before tax	5,844	9,342
Profit after tax and minority interests	3,430	7,692
Earnings per share	5.79p	12.97p
Dividends	3.18378p	2.85049p

Operating Companies

Westland Helicopters Limited Yeovil and Weston-super-Mare (Sea King, Commando, Navy Lynx, Multi-role Lynx, Gazelle). British Hovercraft Corporation Limited Cowes, Isle of Wight (Civil and Military hovercraft, Helicopter spares). Normalair-Garrett Limited Yeovil (Environmental control equipment, Electronic, hydraulic and oxygen equipment for industry). Westland Engineers Limited Yeovil (Industrial and Garage doors). FPT Industries Limited Portsmouth, Hampshire (Flexible fuel tanks). Saunders-Roe Developments Limited Hayes, Middlesex (Betalight self-powered light sources).

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Yeovil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost to Britain of car industry's problems

From Mr M. Goodman

Sir, The 1978 Brussels Motor Show which has just ended will almost certainly be regarded in retrospect as one of the best ever held in this country. While official figures of attendance are not yet available, there is no doubt that all records may well have been beaten. There were also more British products on show than in past years, to the delight of us expatriates and others as well.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the British Ambassador to Belgium, Sir David Muirhead, on his traditional tour of the stands where the products of British companies were exhibited, including not only motor cars but also bicycles, motorcycles and accessories for all three industries.

While it did one good to see so many high-quality British goods so well displayed, able to contribute handsomely to United Kingdom exports as well as to Britain's image as a first-rate manufacturing country, it was easy to share the frustration of the management of some subsidiaries and distributors still ham-strung by retarded delivery from the United Kingdom (or none at all at times!) of whole products, sub-assemblies and spares.

To those of us looking from the outside at our own country, all of us engaged locally, one way or another, in promoting its good services and reputation, it appears that we often understand better than many people at home the cost overseas to Britain of low United Kingdom productivity, massive disruption of output and consequently late deliveries and cancelled orders abroad.

One of the principal aims of the organization over which I have the honour to preside is to give advice and assistance to United Kingdom exporters and investors, wherever their industry; so we see the whole spectrum of performance.

This leads us to the belief that there are still many British manufacturers, motor car or other, who have not yet grasped the fact that their domestic market is now the whole of western Europe and that a great deal of this market is untapped. But unless they are prepared to match the productivity and service of manufacturers in other countries, there is a very serious risk that they may never regain the reputation and market share which they enjoyed in the past.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
M. GOODMAN,
President, British Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and Luxembourg,
Britannia House,
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January 20.

Motor cover and direct-debit payments

From Mr G. V. Dyke

Sir, I do not like direct deb and seldom authorize th The idea that a third party demand and receive arbit sums from my current acco does not, in general, ple me. There are, however, cumstances where the dir debit system would be usefu but as far as I know is available.

A few years ago I nearly deprived of the use my car because of a mispost of a bank giro payment to insurance company, wh sends the demand for my p mium later than I would wi I cannot pay in advance, by banker's order because I not know the amount. What I am abroad for the criti fortnight? Perhaps with car parked at the airpor Surely people who spend m short spells abroad m encounter many difficult like this—with insurance e with services such as electri ity, telephone, gas which n be disconnected if accou are not settled promptly.

Cannot the appropriate co panies and authorities of their customers a direct-de system, appropriately limit for duration or for amount both)?

Yours faithfully,
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BSC's need for long-term research

From Mr J. M. Williamson

Sir, The letter from Mr J. Mackenzie, (Business News, January 13) does not deal with the most important point in the article you published on January 16 headed "Cutbacks that are certain to please British Steel's foreign competitors".

The article on January 16 asserts the importance of corporate long-term research and of the need to strengthen this activity in BSC. Mr Mackenzie writes: "It is simply not true to imply that longer term research is being neglected for the short-term" but the only support he adduces is the expenditure of £20m per year on R and D. It is a fact of life that expenditure itself on R and D does not guarantee the right balance between research activity, especially longer-term research, and development work.

What is urgently required as part of BSC's corporate research (if it is not already being undertaken) is "futures research" and a study of the possible roles a British steel industry might realistically play in the longer-term taking into account, among other things, future steel production and use worldwide, technological change (the possible outcome of "innovative long-term research"), economic trends, and employment in the industry.

The aim must be to identify the alternative long-term strategies for BSC which should be considered by management and employees, and by ministers. In the article, reference was made to studies by the chemical industry of its longer-term development; reference could have been made to other Major corporations are increasingly coming to regard futurs thinking as an essential element of their corporate planning and business development.

The current public discussion of the BSC's affairs should not be allowed to obscure the need for a robust strategy for the development of this important industry. To develop such a strategy a sound programme of longer term research must be maintained.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. WILLIAMSON,
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Wilmerhatch Lane,
Epsom, Surrey.
January 18.

Muddle with a credit card computer

From Mr David Hardman

Sir, I am an American Express card-holder, having been admitted to the distinguished roll after three epistolary blandishments from American Express headquarters. Since March, 1977, I have, however, had endless problems with my monthly card account, blame for which is put squarely on the card membership computer.

In attempts to disentangle the muddle I have been in touch by telephone and by letter with no fewer than six different officers of the company. When a credit of £19 instead of £49 was billed in July I was naturally indignant, especially so when charges for interest began to come in accompanied by dire threats of immediate action by the collection department.

Fortunately I have kept a complete record of all documents relevant to the account, and even treasure a letter thanking me for pointing out the company's mistakes and graciously withdrawing all interest charges. No apology has yet been disgorged by the computer. The card has not, of course, been used since the false entry in July.

In view of these experiences I am prompted to support PHS of *The Times* Diary of January 11, who asks when the computer "will stop making life less, not more, complicated". Old Granny *Times* seems to be a wise old bird.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARDMAN,
Bankyfield,
Hurstpierpoint,
Sussex.

Depressing effect of a disquieting light

From Mr B. R. Davis

Sir, I refer to your Technical Correspondent's article of January 13, in which he purports to sound the knell of the incandescent light source. I trust the obsequies are premature, as its demise would make the design of sympathetically lit interiors virtually impossible.

The tungsten filament has three indispensable advantages—colour, concentration and the provision of sharp shadows. In support of this contention I quote the American lighting designer, Lesley Larson whose book *Lighting and its Design*, was published by the Whitney Library of Design, New York, in 1964.

"The structure of the physical eye prefers a certain shade of yellow (light). Both sunlight and incandescent are strong in this."

"Firelight is an almost universal sign of contentment and security. The incandescent bulb is akin to this in its luminosity".

"The incandescent filament, like the sun, represents a poi from which rays of light a directed. This casts shado and gives clarity and sharpne to the visible world."

"The light produced (by fluorescent tube) causes few less distinctive shadows a gives a flatter, less highlight quality to the visible world."

"Lighting which is flat the result of too great dif sion is depressing regardless its intensity. Depression related more to a high degr of diffusion than it is to h intensity. Such a diffused lig is not so much quieting as d quieting."

One stands amazed at t arrogance of the engineer, wh still, it appears, regar mechanical efficiency, as th sole parameter, regardless human values.

Yours faithfully,
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Insurance brokers' commission

From Mr D. M. Bernstein

Sir, While I feel that insurance brokers, unlike estate agents, provide a good interface between buyer and seller, there is something wrong. Each year my excellent brokers review our claims record and generally advise increases in premium. Since therefore the customer is penalized because of claims, why should the broker benefit by getting more income from the increased premium?

I propose that the broke should pay to the insurers th same commission on claims t he receives. That would b much more equitable; it woul reduce the insurers' losses an hence bring costs down.

Yours faithfully,
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Memorex acquire Europe Telex

Computer news

European operations of Telex, the computer peripherals company, are to be acquired by Memorex Corporation. Both companies have been active in the market for peripherals which are compatible with IBM computers, with Memorex tending to be stronger in disc drives and Telex in tape drives.

Mr R. R. Braun of Memorex will become president of the combined European operations, with Mr D. C. Cornwall of Telex as executive vice-president. The two companies have agreed on the deal, but it is subject to approval by various government agencies in the countries in which Telex is active—Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Ireland.

Memorex products include disc, semiconductor and magnetic tape storage systems, communications processors, terminals, computer microfilm systems, computer tapes, disc packs, data modules, audio and video tape and word-processing supplies. The company's 1977 revenues worldwide amounted to $450m (about £236m) of which about 40 per cent represented business outside the United States.

Revenues of Telex Europe in 1977 were about $40m. The company's computer peripheral equipment is marketed to both end-users and original equipment manufacturers.

There are over 1,000 Memorex and Telex personnel in Europe. Mr Mike Kelly, United Kingdom managing director for Memorex, has been promoted to be vice-president and general manager of operations in Benelux and astern Europe; he is succeeded by Mr Mike Kitching of Telex, who will head the combined operation in the United Kingdom.

Subsidiaries integrate

The three computer-related subsidiaries of the Perkin-Elmer Corporation—Interdata, Wangco Peripherals, and the Interdata-acquired terminals division—have been consolidated into a single company, Perkin-Elmer Data Systems.

European changes to this effect have just been concluded, with Mr Nicholas Bark as managing director. European operations for Perkin-Elmer Data Systems, based at Slough. Formerly Mr Bark held the corresponding job with Interdata.

The company's European business is likely to approach $40m in the current financial year. As well as retaining the Interdata and Wangco trade names, Perkin-Elmer Data Systems intends to compete also in the general minicomputer systems market.

CMG to centralize

New computer equipment worth £1.65m which has been ordered by Computer Management Group (CMG) from Burroughs will enable the service company to centralize its entir computer operations through single large installation.

CMG companies in Scotlan and Middlesex will be linked t the main data centre at Croydo via remote data-handling pro cessors. According to Mr Nicl Scholfield, managing director o CMG (UK), this approach wil enable the company to provide local processing at Glasgow and Greenford while at the same time catering for an expected increase in remote batch processing.

Forecast turnover for CMG for 1977-78 is £8.5m, with about half the total coming from the Continent.

IBM's new baby

A business minicomputer which, it is claimed, is suitable for "virtually all business and industry, from one-man businesses to departments in the largest companies" has been introduced by International Business Machines.

Known as the IBM 5110, the machine has a basic price of £6,800 or, for a typical commercial system, a price of £12,800. It can be programmed to handle such commecial work as payroll, general ledger and sales ledger; and to produce management reports for sales analysis, resource scheduling and planning. Data storage is by tape cartridge or flexible disc.

Kenneth Owen

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Rank's non-Xerox strategy unfolds

e new management has not been in mmand at Rank Organisation for a full ar yet, but there are already some artening signs that an assault is being nched on the dispiriting problem—for share rating in particular—of the dismal urn on capital in the non-Xerox interests. Rank has turned in profits of £124.5m, from £75.6m a year ago, and while £46m the increase comes from Rank Xerox, re has been an underlying improvement 16 per cent in trading profits of the n-Xerox business to £38m. But for change rate movements, that would have en £3m higher. Losses at Rank Radio ernational are down from £5.8m to 2m; hotels are back into profit and erest payments, although slightly up on year as a whole, were well down in the ond half reflecting both lower rates and tronger pound.

Admittedly not all of these improvements be attributed to forceful management, to judge by the extraordinary losses of 7m a more realistic view is being taken a number of areas. Property values have n written down by £7m, the crippling ex-linked lease on the Belgian hotel has n bought for £8m and written off and European hi-fi and television distribu- business has been rationalized at a cost provisions of £2.5m.

Encouraging though all of this is, how- r, there is a long way yet to go, and if relative strength in Rank's share price r the past year is to be maintained the y will expect to see more decisive steps ards a reduction in gearing and the mination of low return businesses—ssibly including the sale of Rank Radio well as further properties.

Rank Xerox, without the benefits of 7's £29m exchange gains, will be growing re slowly, so the chairman's confident of "efforts to improve operating ciency" and expectations of a "further provement in profit", suggest Rank is king for growth elsewhere. That means t the present rating at 262p—a p/e ratio 6.7 and a yield of 4.6 per cent—is far m demanding.

have such tax advantages and indeed from public sector employees who are not eligible for share issues. Moreover, the age-old danger of putting all an employee's eggs in one basket is not easily dismissed.

However, the American experience has been that the performance of companies with share incentive schemes has been better than those without.

Discount houses

When compared with 1976.....

With the year-ends of the discount houses strung out between December and April, many have already had their bite at the exceptionally large profits made in the first few months of 1977—even if in many cases those profits did little more than make up for the knocks suffered in the summer and autumn of 1976 as interest rates surged to the top of the roller-coaster.

But Union and Alexanders, both with December year ends, had only the knocks of 1976 to show in their last sets of figures. So they should now emerge some way ahead of the others in the new results season. Indeed, so far as Alexanders goes net disclosed profits are up from £264,000 to £2.14m, while inner reserves are also higher after a £1.5m transfer to general reserve which lifts the total disclosed capital base by almost a third to £12.1m.

Alexanders confirm that the bulk of the profit was capital gain and that the greater part was made in the first half of the year. The summer months were generally slower and, though there was the late summer fall in interest rates, the November rise in MLR had only been partly expected. By the same token, Alexanders now see some scope for a further fall in interest rates over the coming weeks, though it feels that the scope is no more than modest and the year-end gilt book at £40m was way down on the peak levels of £70m or so earlier in 1977.

Like the other houses, Alexanders is probably going to have to rely much more heavily this year on running margins on the larger overall books that can be built on the increased capital base. Alexanders' own book stood at £508m at the end of last year against £368m at the end of 1976.

So far as dividend hopes go if and when restraint ends, Alexanders will say no more than that their basic policy is to be able to maintain dividend growth even in the leaner years. At last night's price of 295p, the shares yield 7.4 per cent.



Ladbroke's formal offer for Leisure & General estimates its own profits to be 57 per cent up to not less than £24m for 1977.

But while this is above earlier forecasts it is no more than the market had hoped for from Ladbroke's, chaired by Mr Cyril Stein (above) and the shares closed unchanged at 211p where the implied p/e ratio is 8.5.

Although betting and casino business continue to provide the driving force for the group, like Coral it sees diversification into leisure as the only real prospect to maintain the progress in the longer-term.

But while Ladbroke seems so far to have only indulged in a little hedging of bets with acquisitions of easily manageable dimensions. Coral has really taken the plunge with its controversial £52½m offer for Pontins.

Coral should soon be revealing profits growth of over 80 per cent to in excess of £18m last year and is set to overtake Ladbroke in any profits race by a comfortable margin this year.

Hugh Clayton discusses how the agricultural lobby has won its argument with the food interests and Mr Silkin over the green pound

Victory for the farmers

Farmers won last night's debate in the Commons about agriculture before it began. In effect the Government had conceded the farmers' case when it tried to fend off Opposition pressure for a devaluation of the "green pound" by offering a smaller one. However the amount might be affected by the debate, the Silkin policy for food had already been broken.

When Mr John Silkin was made Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food almost 18 months ago many British livestock producers were caught by a political deadlock. They and the companies which processed the meat they produced faced cut-price competition from abroad which was made possible by the anomalous calculation of subsidies to exporters in other EEC countries which sold to Britain.

There was another cause of the great size and impact of the subsidies, or monetary compensatory amounts. That was the refusal of the British Government to devalue the green pound to match the fall in sterling and cut the cost to the Community of holding down food prices and farm returns in this country.

Farmers and their allies in many of the industries that buy from them and sell to them were convinced that a small devaluation in the autumn of 1976 would have reduced intransigence elsewhere in the EEC. They believed that it would have eased the agonies of British pig farmers at the expense of a small rise in shop prices of food.

Mr Silkin refused to devalue in 1976, saying that the green pound should be used as an instrument with which to extract improvements in the grubby and ill-knit patchwork of the common agricultural policy. He was applauded by the organized consumer lobby and some of the most powerful sections of the food processing industry.

Mr Silkin's alliance with the forces that oppose devaluation has enraged farmers. Before the end of 1976 they decided, not to put it too crudely, to get him. In 1977 they thought they had done so when rough weather in the summer appeared to mock his early comments about prospects of a record harvest.

They were not appeased when although it turned out to be a record harvest in terms of weight, it was quite the reverse in cash. They won their campaign against Mr Silkin last week when the Government tabled an amendment to the Conservative motion which called for a 7½ per cent devaluation.

The Government suggested 5 per cent and gave a spurious excuse for doing so. The amendment for devaluation looked all the more feeble for being tabled after more than a year of cogent and detailed arguments from ministers against it.

Little credit for the devaluation should be given to the Opposition parties which combined to put pressure on the Government. Like Labour, they have no immediate operational policies for farming. Labour has a blueprint for farm expansion in the 1975 White Paper, *Food from our own resources*, but it has used agriculture mainly as an appendage of its drive against inflation.

The Conservatives give the impression that agriculture is just a part of their plan to free private enterprise from intervention by the state and to protect private businesses. The Scottish National Party uses it as ammunition in the battle for freedom from England and the Liberals treat it either as something to do with Europe or as something to do with taxation.

No party now treats farming as an important activity worth a prominent policy framework for its own sake. Last night's debate may give the old and ever-more misleading impression that the Conservative Party is the party of agriculture simply because it has more MPs and members who happen to be farmers or landowners.

The fact that the Conservatives chose an agricultural issue for a combined attack on the Government will encourage that view.

But the issue of the green pound is not just a test of the Government's enthusiasm for farmers. It is also a barometer of its commitment to Europe, since the green pound is the most effective weapon available to any British government in fending off the impact of the common agricultural policy. Each devaluation brings the country a little closer to the European parity sought by the European Commission.

The essence of the Silkin ministry has been to use the green pound to extract concessions from Brussels that would enable him to raise farm incomes by devaluing while still avoiding the impact of the policy. He did that last year by devaluing after he had extracted a Community-financed butter subsidy for this country.

Farmers have no more trust for the Conservatives on price issues than they have for Labour. If a Conservative government was elected today the new minister would soon find his arm twisted behind his back and pushed upwards as firmly as Mr Silkin's has been.

In public the National Farmers' Union adopts a rigorously non-political stance and whips its members into line. It never utters the tirades against socialism that are standard fare for the Country Landowners' Association.

By no means every Conservative MP can be assumed to be an automatica llyy of the farming lobby. Mr Giles Shaw, MP for Pudsey, is chairman of the public relations committee of the Cocia, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance, one of the most consistent supporters of the Silkin policy for the green pound.

The alliance fought hard to the end. Even as the Government was tabling its amendment for a 5 per cent devaluation Mr Derek Anderson, president of the alliance, was sending a telegram to Mr Silkin. It recorded the organization's "disagreement with the Opposition motion urging an immediate devaluation of 7½ per cent".

The food processing industry played into the hands of the farming lobby by remaining divided on the green pound issue. The Food and Drink Industries Council, an umbrella organization for trade associations in the industry, did not utter a public opinion about the Opposition attack. Farmers won the propaganda battle with food-processors by being more steadfast and disciplined than their opponents.

The council was formed to represent processors in Europe and on issues that transcend the narrow claims of particular sectors. The green pound fits both those requirements, and the council's silence about it highlights the difficulty of representing products close to agriculture like bacon and much more highly processed groceries like sweets and cake.

The annual meeting of the National Farmers' Union will begin this morning. Delegates will be tempted to crow over the wreckage of Mr Silkin's policy and Sir Henry Plumb, president, will give them some leeway even though he does not share the vindictive feelings of some of his members towards the minister. The British agricultural lobby, which represents less than 3 per cent of the population, has triumphed.

Frank Vogl

Has Mr Carter done enough to maintain US growth?

President Carter has proposed; now the Congress must dispose. Businessmen and trade unionists must react and the stakes are high. The nation has been presented with an ambitious and detailed White House economic plan. Few western governments have outlined in such detail their medium and long-term priorities and objectives and the means by which they hope to realize their goals.

The stated targets are a balanced budget by the 1981 fiscal year, with public spending at that time accounting for no more than 21 per cent of gross national product. In the 1981 calendar year the Administration hopes that the rates of both inflation and unemployment will be down to about 5 per cent and the way will be clear for further improvements in subsequent years.

The Administration's 1978 economic growth and employment forecasts appear realistic. Its 1979 predictions in these areas seem to be somewhat on the optimistic side and its inflation projections clearly contain a good deal of wishful thinking.

The economy has entered 1978 with the recovery continuing fairly briskly. Real personal incomes have risen significantly, as has employment, and business balance-sheets have been strengthened. Continued high consumer spending, in particular, seems assured over the next six to nine months. The economy in this period will be aided by the high level of public expenditure and should show real growth at an annual rate of 4.5 per cent or more.

US BUDGET DEFICIT

	1977 (Actual)	1978 (Estimate)	1979 (Estimate)
	(In thousands of millions of dollars)		
Receipts	356.9	400.4	439.6
Outlays	401.9	462.2	500.2
Deficit	45.0	61.8	60.6

For fiscal years which start on October 1.

As the year draws to a close, however, both consumer and business spending are likely to be dampened. Higher social security taxes and the effect inflation has on pushing people into higher tax brackets should produce a fiscal drag on the economy amounting to between $28,000m to $30,000m for 1978 and 1979 combined. To counter this the Administration has proposed tax cuts, which together with the 1978 portion of last spring's special stimulus programme, should amount to about $29,000m for this year and next together.

The tax cuts, looked at from this viewpoint, thus do not represent a net stimulus for the economy. And only modest stimulus is provided in the President's new budget proposals, despite his projected $60,000m deficit for the next fiscal year.

On a high employment basis, assuming unemployment at 4.9 per cent, instead of the present 6.4 per cent level, the budget deficit in the President's new programme would only be about $37,000m. However, estimates suggest that the stimulative effect of this deficit for the economy as a whole may be significantly offset by projections of a substantial net surplus in the operating accounts of American state and local governments.

Given the prospect of sizable growth for most of this year and the tax cutting measures, the Administration is probably on target in forecasting now a 4.7 per cent real gnp rate for 1978 and a cut to 6.2 per cent in the jobless total by the final quarter.

But given the fact that the budget and its tax cutting measures are likely to produce only a modest stimulative effect next year, it seems difficult to see how the economy will achieve a 4.8 per cent real growth rate in 1979 without a major gain in business investment spending.

Just such a gain is predicted by the Administration. It sees real business investment rising to 9 per cent next year, from an estimated 7 per cent this year. Business surveys suggest that this 7 per cent estimate is too high and it seems doubtful if the Administration's programmes can stimulate an even higher 1979 level.

Just how this accelerated rate of business investment will be attained will be one of the key subjects discussed in the White House Council of Economic Advisers' report to be published on Saturday. Inevitably such a higher rate will depend on business views on the outlook for economic growth in general and inflation and capital markets in particular.

Industrial capacity utilization rates are still averaging about 83 per cent and even on the most optimistic assumptions there are unlikely to be general capacity shortages before the early 1980s.

OUTLOOK FOR THE US ECONOMY

	1977	1978	1979
GNP growth in constant 1972 dollars	4.9	4.7	4.8
Consumer price index (December compared with December):	6.9	6.1	6.0
Unemployment rate (fourth quarter):	6.6	6.2	5.8
Interest rate on 91-day Treasury Bills:	5.2	6.1	6.1
Personal income (current dlrs in thousands of millions):	1,536	1,704	1,892
Corporate profits (current dlrs in thousands of millions):	172	192	217

Figures contained in President Carter's budget. The figures for 1977 are mostly estimates, although based in most cases on provisional end-December data. All figures stated are given in per cent unless otherwise stated and all are for calendar years.

The proposed business tax cuts may spur investment by clearly demonstrating a prospect of higher returns on invested capital and it is significant, in this regard, that the President has indicated that there may be further business tax cuts before the end of his first term in office.

But the increased confidence of businessmen produced by the tax reductions may be offset by increased fears of inflation. These may be based upon expectations of Congress adding to the President's public spending levels and by scepticism towards the President's new anti-inflation programme.

This latter programme is the weakest element in the President's multitude of new proposals. At best even the Administration expects the plan to cut the inflation rate by just 0.5 per cent a year. The initial response by businessmen and trade union leaders to the President's call for voluntary restraint on price and wage rises to levels below the averages seen in the last two years has ranged from cautious to hostile.

The president of the AFL-CIO trade union organization, Mr George Meany, voiced strong opposition on Saturday and said he would fight this "step down the road to controls".

The Congress in this election year is likely to be in a spending mood and have little time carefully to consider the President's tax reforming plans. In consequence, despite concern by many Congressmen over the high scale of the budget deficit, the deficit will probably be increased through approval of somewhat higher tax cuts and higher social welfare programme outlays.

The federal bureaucracy has found it difficult to spend all the budgeted amounts in the last couple of years and it could be that another shortfall will be seen next year, which offsets the increases in spending approved by Congress.

Nevertheless, congressional action is unlikely to dampen business expectations of higher inflation. Indeed only wishful thinking can adequately explain the Administration's estimates of cuts in the rate of consumer price increases to 6.1 per cent by the end of this year from 6.9 per cent at the end of 1977 and to 6 per cent by the end of 1979.

Financing the large budget deficits will involve increasing government borrowing from the public, which is bound to exert some pressure on the capital markets, even if foreign central banks continue to buy a large volume of government securities (such purchases amounted to $20,000m in 1977). A significant easing in monetary policies is unlikely and thus some increases in interest rates must be expected over the next 18 months.

The United States economy is set to continue to grow at a greater rate than the economies of most other industrial nations and little improvement in the trade deficit is thus likely. This is particularly the case as even if energy legislation is approved in the next few months, there will be no significant cut in American oil imports before the early 1980s.

Consumer spending in the United States this year and next should remain fairly strong, but it does look as if the Administration is both over-estimating the rate of business investment and under-estimating inflationary pressures in its forecasts.

These failures in judgment are likely to present President Carter with even harder choices next January than those he has just faced, as by then it may well appear that the problems of cutting inflation and ensuring over 4.5 per cent growth will be greater for the period from late 1979 onward.

Business Diary: Orme's obstacle race • Pass lore

y Orme, who yesterday led the Government camto tell people about the state pension scheme, determined to further osed shop through private ll as public pensions. e is the Minister for Security (and for pen- He is also a committed unionist and is sponas an MP by the engin- section of the AUEW. e is an obvious obstacle lack of parliamentary t for the Government's White Paper *The role of rs in the running of penchemes* which proposed ade unionists should have tory right to 50 per cent ntation on the governdy, the trustees, of a pension fund. slation originally planned s session has been abanbecause the Liberals—s to the relief of some rs—refused to support a sed on the White Paper. s, however, no champion voluntary approach. The eces of British capitalism he concedes, do the ning, but he is adamant gislation is needed for kskiders. lso believes that union ation is necessary in pension plans. e he remembers his own the engineering industen, in the absence of ees, managers would ut discretionary pension only to those who had eir noses clean. "That include shop stewards", me, an ex-shop steward

ar ago this week the f Commons Legislation tee was anxiously crossng Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, about the new European passport, agreement on which was thought so close that a decision might be made before the committee could get their two penn'orth in. What happened?

Agreement, in fact, is no nearer and seems to be at least another five months off.

It is accepted that the common format passport will be a deep shade of lilac, though in France the colour is less appetizingly described as "wine dregs". So far, little else has been agreed.

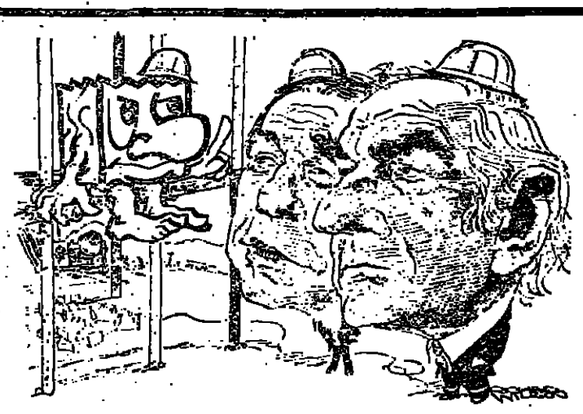
In Britain it is the Germans who have been blamed. They want German to have equal status with French and English inside the documents. It was a German minister, in December 1976, who pushed the scheme into limbo by insisting on this point.

In Brussels, though, they take a different view, pointing out that the common passport was originally a pet project of Chancellor Schmidt and languishes awaiting the Germans' turn in the presidency of the Council of Ministers, which does not come till July 1.

The Germans, in fact, offered to give up their linguistic claim if the United Kingdom would only compromise on another.

The British insist that the name of the country should take precedence over the words "European Community" on the cover of the document, arguing that the member states, and not the Community, will be issuing the passports. This might sound logical, but it is not supported by anyone else.

The British have refused to compromise, and the Euro-pass is as far off as ever....



How to resist nationalization: Mr Cube, FCEC's Sir Maurice Laing (centre) and NFBTE's Peter Morley.

Nationalization hangs over builders "like a cloud, darkening all the while", Peter Morley, president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, said at the federation's centenary dinner last night.

He apologized for mentioning the "dreary subject" on such an occasion, but behind the scenes the industry is taking seriously the proposals, accepted last year as Labour Party policy.

The three main employers' organizations, the NFBTE, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors and the Building Material Producers are gearing up for a fight.

While it seems likely that the material producers will work largely independently, the builders and civil engineers, who have much in common, have formed a joint campaign committee, chaired by Sir Maurice Laing, chairman of the Laing Group and FCEC president.

The "civils" have taken steps to raise more than £100,000 and the builders are likely to match that. What form the campaign will take is still uncertain although those looking for precedents have inevitably lighted upon that recently run by the banks, and going further back, that built round Mr Cube when Tate & Lyle with the now Aims for Freedom and Enterprise fought off plans to nationalize the sugar industry.

If the nationalization threat is new, that other bugbear, municipal intervention, is not. As Morley reminded guests last night there were complaints from Macclesfield and Huddersfield about corporations becoming "traders" as long ago as 1882—long before the present controversy about extending the role of direct labour organizations.

West Country businessman Bill Poeton went to see Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, yesterday, to harry the poor man about small businesses and try to get it across that what the independent businessmen wanted was not fine words but action.

He took with him that invaluable aid—a skateboard. Poeton is chairman of the Union of Independent Companies, set up last year after a breakaway from Patrick de Laszlo's Association of Independent Businesses.

He took his skateboard along not so that he could run circles around Lever — who has special ministerial responsibilities for small firms—but to persuade him that the pressures bearing down on the small man were squeezing good business out of the United Kingdom.

Three in every four skateboards sold in the United Kingdom are imported, and that, thinks Poeton, wouldn't be so if it was easier for small businesses to thrive here.

Poeton knows a good gimmick when he sees it. Those with long memories and a penchant for ladies of ample proportions will recall the so-called "signing of the Treaty of San Raphael", an event which took place in the balmy days of the late sixties when Poeton, one of the founding fathers of Harlech Television, rushed off to the south of France to persuade Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton to join the Harlech consortium.

An American lighter manufacturer has brought out a range of lighters called Thumbthing. The second in the range is called Thumbthing Else.

Alexanders
DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED

Results for 1977

★ Subject to audit, the Balance of Profit for the year after providing for rebate and taxation and making a transfer to Contingency Reserve is £2,139,000 (1976—£264,000).

★ A final dividend of 9.833p per share (£478,000) on the £4,857,158 Issued Ordinary Capital is recommended; this makes a distribution for the year of £696,000 which together with the associated tax credit, represents a total for the year of 21.711p per share (£1,055,000) (1976—19.738p—£958,000 on £4,853,158 Capital).

★ The balance of Profit carried forward will be £2,048,000 (1976—£613,000).

★ The General Reserve has been increased to £5.0m (1976—£3.5m) by a transfer from Contingency Reserve.

★ The Company has achieved the largest profit in its history. The published resources have been raised to £12.1m and the inner resources have also been increased.

The move to new premises has greatly facilitated handling the marked growth in both turnover and portfolio during the year. At the year end the total assets were approximately £509m (1976—£368m), the major components being Treasury Bills £172m (1976—£99m) and Commercial Bills £203m (1976—£158m). We have maintained a much higher proportion of our portfolio in gilts than in recent years and at 31 December the holding stood at £40m (1976—£35m).

The proposed final ordinary dividend is the maximum allowed under current legislation. It is our policy to endeavour to maintain growth in the dividend distribution over the years, notwithstanding the uneven nature of profits from one year to another. Should the need arise, the Carry Forward is available for this purpose. It is for this reason that it is proposed that the amount carried forward should be raised.

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Reforms essential to ease the burden

Choosing a legal haven for the overtaxed manager

The tax paradises offer discreet, valuable and occasionally controversial services.

Michael Silverman, of Merton Associates, London staff consultants, was indignant: his company, which advises British *top salary* earners on how to avoid high domestic direct taxes by means of foreign service contracts, had just received a letter from Andorra. A newly-founded company there is recommending a tailored loophole for *managers plagued by taxes*: to become employees of the company and then get their own firms to lease their services from the *Andorran company*. "This emphasizes the urgent need for a reform of our tax system if we are not to become a *nation of tax-dodgers*. The more some people avoid tax, the more the others have to pay", Mr Silverman argues.

This reaction incorporates all the elements which simultaneously justify the existence of tax havens and make them notorious. Clearly, taxpayers *in many countries* are finding that taxation, high and occasionally inequitable in its baffling complexities, is so onerous that they are prepared to explore all available possibilities—legal or on the verges of legality—to reduce their tax burden.

On the other hand, many methods used by the heavily-taxed to reduce their assessments are regarded as questionable by many people, because these are only or largely available to their better-off fellows. Practices which the little man still regards as legitimate—*for example, statutory* relief and tax-deductible insurances or savings schemes—can become reprehensible tax-evasion (even when they are legitimate avoidance) where they are practised on a large scale and internationally.

To possess an account or a company in Liechtenstein almost amounts to a presumption of guilt, and not only in West Germany, where a number of widely-reported cases of tax emigration in the late 1960s and early 1970s roused public opinion. In such cases the suspected person is faced with the task of proving his innocence.

The various tax oases and paradises are usually referred to in English as tax havens. *They steer clear of any suggestion*, however remote, of even slightly dubious tax practices in their official statements, preferring to call themselves "financial centres". In many cases this is a more appropriate term. Tax havens are countries where capital can be deposited, built up and transferred without attracting tax at anything like the rate which applies in most of the countries where the owners or those in charge of the funds normally reside. Finance centres by contrast are places where or from which international transactions can be carried out without *serious* hindrance from exchange control regulations and on fiscal no-man's-land. However, it is *not always possible to draw a* clear distinction between the two.

Tax havens can be used in three basic ways: first, direct as sites for registered offices of local companies offering financial and related services of interest to international companies. The steadily increasing number of banking subsidiaries in places like Luxembourg, the Channel Islands, the Bahamas and elsewhere in the Caribbean speaks for itself. Even the tiny former German colony Nauru, in the middle of the Pacific, has attracted attention recently in this context.

Second, by setting up parent or sister-companies with registered offices in tax havens. The object here is to avoid recording profits by multinational companies in countries where taxes are too high.

Third, by transferring administration of management, patent and royalty departments to tax havens; from these the departments can send out demands for fees to sister-companies elsewhere to reduce their profits. This last use can also include the functions of financial companies in tax havens which are not necessarily concerned with reducing tax liability, but are agents for *major international firms* seeking to make the most of their cash-management.

These practices, however, are received *with mixed feelings* in the revenue departments of the high-tax countries. Increasingly, governments concerned (*actually or declaredly*) about their receipts from taxation are attempting to investigate the extraterritorial accounts of *companies liable* to taxation in their territory. In this attempt they are faced not only by the complex inter-relationships involved but by jealous opposition from other governments asserting they have equally valid counterclaims. Within the European Community the problems of conceivable possibilities for international tax avoidance, of capital movements and of restrictive practices have, after some initial short-lived embarrassment, been somewhat pragmatically handled to date.

A decision of the Council of the Economic Communities in 1975 describes as desirable joint discussions on the question of taxation of companies in member countries. Since *then reports and draft proposals* have been prepared by the relevant official bodies; these particularly recognize transfer pricing as an urgent problem in this context.

Whatever Brussels decides for the future, the Community has agreed for instance with Britain that the Anglo-Norman Channel Islands and the Isle of Man should retain their fiscal autonomy, this being an issue at the time of the negotiations for British entry into the Community. In order to give credibility and force to any new measures, a start would have to be made within Europe itself. Important considerations here, however, are not merely the previous promises made to these territories but *the clear awareness that* a lack of flexibility in dealing with the problem of tax havens would have the effect of transferring *the problem beyond* Europe's boundaries.

Karl Grun

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

All quiet on the equity front

Down in the stock markets very little stirred yesterday. Dealers reported a quiet session out the day the FT index moved 0.1 to either sire of Friday's close ending 1 point off at 486.6.

On what was described by one market man as the most "boring" day this year, second line stocks again captured what little action there was. However, the undertone of the market is firm and there is some feeling that a piece of good industrial or economic news—perhaps in the form of today's unemployment figures—might be enough to spark off another bull run.

Gilts faired little better. In light trading, "longs" failed to *hold early gains and closed* three eighths down after steadying in mid-afternoon. Shoorter securities were up to a *sixteenth off at the end* in light selling.

Rank Organisation proved to be the feature of after-hours trading. Late announcement of annual figures which were at the upper end of expectations boosted the shares 4p to 262p, a rally from a small fall before the results.

Where changed, the market leaders drifted a penny or two in either direction. Among those showing gains were *Unilever at 512p*, Beecham at 655p, and GKN at 271p while Bowater at 177p, BAT at 723p, GEC at 273p and Reckitt & Colman at 418p all lost ground. Glaxo at 592p and ICI at 346p were unchanged.

Of the individual sectors, motor distributors made most of the running.

Inchcape's bid for Pride & Clarke, up 12p to 537p, fuelled hopes of further rationalization in the industry although there is little talk of any particular take-overs.

The groups with Ford dealerships were among the most active stocks, with Tate of Leeds adding 8p to 58p, Appleyard 5p better at 96p and H. Perry closing 2p better at 163p.

Perhaps the biggest percentage gain was seen in penny stock Oliver Rix which rose from 5½p to 6½p. The shares have been active since the new year and yesterday saw deals of 25,0000 and 30,000 going through the market.

Inchcape rose 13p to 380p ahead of Thursday's results.

Other bid stocks were quieter than of late but London *Pavilion continued its climb* reaching 560p. Profit-taking clipped 3p from Pauls & Whites, which has been the subject of some speculation lately, and Henry Wigfall slipped 6p to 262p awaiting further developments. Bidder Comet Radiovision closed a penny firmer at 106p.

A cheering profits announcement from Ladbroke helped the shares to regain a 2p fall of earlier in the day and close unchanged at 211p. With the bookmaker now virtually assured of success with its bid, Leisure & General shares marked time at 68½p slightly below the offer price.

Hammond Holdings and Bainbridge Engineering were both suspended yesterday pending further announcements and the market was left to wonder what will happen to the near 35 per cent stake Barrow Hepburn has in this latter company. Bainbridge shares were frozen at 35p.

Of the companies reporting Alexander's Discount jumped 9p at one point to 299p before closing at 295p while Union, which reveals its results tomorrow added 5p to 475p.

Tate & Lyle, also reporting tomorrow, lost 8p to 206p while British Sugar, unveiling its figures a day later, added 10p to 485p.

Fears of a dry well knocked 14p off *Oil Exploration* at 225p while news of a cancelled coach order trimmed 7p from Plaxtons at 124p.

Banks firmed slighty with Lloyds at 292p, Barclays at 350p, and Midland at 402p showing gains of a few pence. National Westminster was unchanged at 295p. Hill Samuel added 3p to 100p on further consideration of Friday's announcement about links with Arab and American sources.

Over in the insurance sector Sun Alliance lost 10p at one point on fears of a pay code blacklisting but shares made up lost ground and ended the day at 579p.

Of the speculative stocks, interest in Hirst & Mallinson at 35½p and Oxley Printing at 52p both firmed on small buying in a thin market.

Harrisons & Crosfield rose 25p to 400p taking Malayalam, for which it is bidding in shares and cash, up 1½p to 33½p. London Sumatra, subject to a cash offer from McLeod Russel, up 15p to 240p, fell back 5p to 123p.

Equity turnover on January 20 was £88.012m (16,004 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Oil Exploration, ICI, Talbex, Tate & Lyle, Shell, Consolidated Gold, Distillers, Henry Wigfall, Pauls & Whites, Plaxtons and Tate of Leeds.

Another former bid stock to find friends among the speculators was Wheeler's Restaurants, up 15p to 280p. Dealers reported bargains of around 25,000 passing through the market, but the board has fought and won bid battles in the past. EMI has 5.67 per cent of the equity.

Liquorice Allsorts manufacturer, George Bassett added 3p to 155p on news of the £5.3m sale of its wholesaler subsidiary, Drakes. Some dealers are already wondering if this would make the sweets group more attractive to Cadbury, traditionally a prospective suitor.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Alex Discount (F)	—(—)	2.13(0.26a)	—(—)	0.93(0.32)	7/3	14.33(12.82)
Dewhurst & Pr (F)	3.20(3.43)	0.16(0.16)	1.64(1.08)	0.57(0.56)	—	0.82(0.80)
F S Development (I)	—(—)	0.39d(0.44d)	—(—)	4(4)	—	—(—)
Gold Fields Pr (I)	—(—)	0.69d(0.70d)	3.6(3.9)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hallam, Sleigh (F)	3.72(2.78)	0.15(0.03)	1.95(0.18)	—(—)	—	—(Nil)
A Kershaw (F)	—(—)	4.2(3.1)	45.84(35.24)	11.9(10.1)	10/4	15.8(14.0)
Leisure & Gen (I)	15.70(13.78)	1.6(1.3)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.95)
Mary Kathleen (F)	—(—)	10.88bc (12.42bc)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
New Wits Gold (I)	—(—)	0.97d(1.2d)	8.3(9.9)	6.0(6.0)	—	—(15)
Rank Org (F)	442.6(426.3)	124.4(75.5)	39.2(20.2)	5.84(4.93)	7/4	7.9(7.1)
Rank Precision (F)	39.85(35.15)	60.8(37.0)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Utd Guarantee (F)	4.43(4.95)	0.31(0.17c)	4.7(2.6c)	0.18(Nil)	—	0.18(Nil)
Williams Lea (F)	7.65(5.74)	0.71(0.33)	16.16(7.66)	162.3(—)	—	198.1(65.03)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Profits are shown net b Dollars. c Loss. d Rands.

G Bassett disposes of sweets wholesaler in diversification move

By Ashley Druker



Mr D. Gordon Johnson, c man of Geo Bassett Holdi

In tune with its strategy to diversify into product fields other than its traditional confectionery, Allsorts manufacturer Geo Bassett Holdings announces exchange of contracts for the sale of its wholesale and retail offshoot Drakes Sweets Marketing for some £5.3m. The buyer, who also takes in Drakes' subsidiary John E. Esslemont, is Palmer & Harvey. The consideration is in cash or in other such form as may be agreed.

In the year to March 31 last, Drakes' trading profit amounted to £640,000 and net assets to be sold come to about £200,000. Bassett's shares were firmer yesterday.

Bassett's board, advised by Warburgs, decided after a scrutiny of business prospects that the divestment of Drakes on these terms would be to the advantage of Bassett shareholders. The proceeds will be used partly in the expansion of confectionery manufacture at home and abroad and partly in other areas of its activities.

In August last Bassett bought in A. A. Hales, based at Hinckley, leading United Kingdom importer, distributor and reexporter of toys and modelling kits. Hales also import a wide variety of toys and kits world-wide and distribute them to outlets throughout Britain and Europe.

In its latest interim results, *our some six weeks ago*, Bassett was at the top end of market estimates. In the half to October 14 pre-tax profits rose from a previous £1.5m to £1.95m on sales up by over a quarter to £30.4m. Margins however suffered slighrly as a resuk of the increased market share. Se half trading to date rer satisfactory, which could se group nudging the £4m full-time.

On the diversification Bassett already had a small manufacturer and a toy model kit importer unde umbrella, and Mr Gordon son, chairman, admitted tha group was looking for fu acquisitions in related fi There were also plans afo increase the cakes and co tionery side of the home ness over the next few having taken over Purdy some 12 months ago.

Elsewhere in the first its overseas subsidiaries in land and Sweden did par larly well. In Australia group was building a new tory to cope with the exp ing business there.

Acquisitions bring LCP UK spread

By Our Financial Staff

Further details are released of the projected acquisition by LCP Holdings, Midlands-based, of Hailshaw Group, now completed. The consideration is some £2.38m cash and about 840,000 LCP ordinary. Pre-tax profits of Hailshaw for the year to December 31 are warranted to be at least £700,000.

LCP has interests in industrial trading estates, manufacturing and distribution throughout the Midlands, the North-West and the South-West. Its vehicle distribution division, P. J. Evans (Holdings), has particular interests in the sale and servicing of Leyland and Rolls-Royce vehicles in the Midlands. Mr David Rhead, chairman, said yesterday that the new dealerships taken in with Halshaw, plus the recently-acquired Ford main dealers in Newport, added to the group's R-R and British Leyland interests in the West Midlands, gave LCP a national coverage throughout the United Kingdom. This applied especially to *the fleet side*. Overall, four Ford main dealerships have been acquired and will achieve a much improved share of the vehicle market. *The move* would not affect LCP's substantial investment in Leyland cars and trucks.

Meanwhile a new company, Evans Halshaw (Holdings) has been formed to embrace all the vehicle interests and to provide a base for future expansion. This takes in the possibility of carefully selected European imported car franchises.

Latest results of LCP for the opening half to end-September, published about two months ago, showed pre-tax profits just ahead from £2.03m to £2.11m.

More orders needed but Westland hopeful

By Ray Maughan

Westland Aircraft is hopefully pullin gout of the trough of the year to September 30 last. For, while the Ministry of Defence contract for Lynx helicopters will produce little or no profit over the next 18 months, the board is confident that the provisions on that contract and the lengthening of the two SRN4 hovercrafts for British Rail will prove sufficient.

These clipped pre-tax profits by around £6.5m and the effect on the balance-sheet is clearly marked by the fall in the return *on capital from* 14.3 per cent to 6.2 per cent, and a rise in net debt from £27.6m to £36.7m against a slight increase in equity funds.

Lord Aldington, chairman, warns shareholders that despite the solution of the immediate problems "we have still a difficult period ahead".

"We have won some more orders", he adds, "but we have to win even more throughout our activities; and we have to tackle them successfully and honour all our promises of delivery".

The Royal Danish Navy has recently become the eighth service to order the Lynx and Westland is now reaching the final stages of negotiations for the establishment of a partnership company for the production of an army version of the *Lynx in Egypt to supply the* Middle East market. When successfully concluded, this arrangement will provide a considerable *volume of work to the* United Kingdom factories in the next few years.

Allied's overseas potential

By Our Financial Staff

The latest annual report from Allied Breweries, which has just been granted a price increase of 2p on a pint, is generally optimistic. In his annual report, Mr *Keith S. Showering, the chair*man, declares that he is confident the company is in a sound position at home and overseas.

Allied's export markets offer "great potential" for sales and profits both in the short and longer-term. "We can look forward to the future with confidence provided that the general economic situation continues to improve and that we are able to conduct our business with the minimum of Government interference and industrial disturbance."

A current cost statement for the year to September 24, making adjustments to show the effects of inflation, gives the year's pre-tax profits as £54.1m, compared with £77.2m on an historical basis.

Capital expenditure during the year was up from £37.9m to £67.3m and capital commitments at the year-end totalled £102.4m.

On the beers and hotels devision, the chairman reports that sales of lager continued their upward trend during the year, although the total beer market showed a small decline. Skol is now Allied's largest single brand. Every company in the wines, spirits and soft drinks division did well and some excellent results were achieved in what was generally a difficult trading year. The international section made good progress.

The accounts show that the beneficial and family interests of Mr A. K. Bergius, a director, were reduced from 735,744 to 516,000 ordinary shares during the year. The interests of Mr F. E. Showering were down from 2.5m to 1.65m ordinary shares.

Accent on exports now at Williams Lea

By Michael Clark

The export drive is to be the *top priority for specialist* printer Williams Lea Group in the current year. Each sector in the group has established a strong base in their particular market, says Mr David Donne, chairman, in his annual report. This will provide the opportunity for some to stress their export effort. In the past year exports increased but remained a small percentage of total sales.

Lea, which recently turned in pre-tax profits for the year to October 2, more than doubled to £715,000, has budgeted to invest more than £1½m over the next two years in more plant. This is understandably a substantial sum for a company of its size to invest but was necessary if the group was to continue to improve the service offered to its customers. In addition it remains keen to invest in other specialist companies who would be amenable to a link with the group.

Since 1972, underlying strategy of the group has been to move out of periodical and eral printin gand to concen on specialist market are printing. In the year just there has been some imp ment in trading within *printing industry but, in* main, the surge in profi the result of the specializ policy that has been pur

Williams Lea has also t another big stride forwar the development of its se to the corporate finance s of the City, which was ass by the link with Chas P. Y of New York, and other panies in the Ticor Pri Group.

Meanwhile he reports Williams Lea Offset has fu improved the highly fle service it offers to custor who are mostly in the with the result that bus has been flourishing.

Elsewhere, the factory subsidiary Multi-sets opene Swindon two years ago *into its own in 1977. It* been very active, produ computer stationery, contin cheques and dividend warr

Profit shortfall in MAM changes to be made up

The revised arrangements by Management Agency & Music with its artists will mean that profits arising from their activities in the next two years will be lower. But the shortfall, shareholders are told, is likely to be made up, or exceeded, in the following three years. Indications at present are that the year's profits will be "not out of line" with those for the latest year to end-July last.

Generally, the board has confidence in the future earnings power of its two major artists, Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck. It feels there is "*commercial merit*" in continuing to share in their earnings for the extra three years gained under the fresh arrangements.

Briefly

Northern Engineering takeover

Northern Engineering Industries is to buy Baldwin Francis Holdings for a ma cash consideration, which be less than 10 per cent of net assets of Northern. B win's pre-tax profits for year to January 31, 1977, w about £1.77m and net asset that date were about £3.75m

NEW WITWATERSRAND
Pre-tax profits for six month December 31, R978,000 (R1.2 Earnings a share 8.3c (9. *Interim dividend 6c (6c).*

GOLD FIELDS PROP
Pre-tax profit for six month December 31, R693 (R702,000). Earnings a sh 3.6c (2.9c).

KAMUNTING TIN
Pre-tax profits for six mont to September 30, $594 ($151,000). In view of high charge directors do not rec mend payment of interim div dend.

CITY OF DUBLIN BANK
Group has bought whole iss *share capital of Anglo-I* Bank for £100,000. Central B of Ireland has approved transaction.

EMPEROR MINES
Fijian Government wants to l all Fijian subsidiaries of Empe and board is willing to negoti *this.*

DEWHURST & PARTNER
Turnover for 53 weeks to Oct £3.2m (£3.43m for previous yea Pre-tax profits £167,000 (£165,00 Total gross dividend, 1.24p (1.23

STC CONTRACT
The Export Credits Guaran Department has guaranteed £14m contract awarded to Stand Telephones and Cables jointly Compania Telefonica Nacional Espoña of Spain and Azienda Stato per i Servizi Telefonici Italy. STC will be responsible the supply and installation tween Barcelona and Genoa of t world's highest capacity underw telecommunications cable syste

SIME DARBY
Sime Darby Holdings has bou 95 per cent stakes in two Hon kong engineering companies American Engineering (Hon Kong) and International Engi ering.

BRITISH LAND
British Land has agreed to bu from a group of shareholders Property Investment and Financ a total of 500,000 ordinary shares (11.5 per cent) in exchan for 1.65m British Land ordinar shares.

Business appointments

Top changes on board of Massey-Ferguson

Mr John A. McDougald has been elected chairman and Mr Albert A. Thornbrough deputy chairman of Massey-Ferguson. Mr H. N. R. Jackman becomes a director.

Mr H. M. Newton-Clare has been made a director of Pork Farms.

Professor Roland Smith has been appointed to the board of London Trust.

Mr E. H. Potter becomes managing director of Higgs and Hill Building in succession to Mr B. J. Hill, who remains chairman. Mr A. P. Hill becomes managing director (Middle East) of Higgs and Hill Overseas. Mr N. J. Smallwood has been made managing director of Higgs and Hill Civil Engineering.

Mr Vic Williams, deputy chairman and managing director of IPC Specialist and Professional Press, has been appointed chairman. Mr *John Redington, a director* and publisher in the women's magazine group of IPC Magazines, becomes managing director of the company.

Mr Rolf H. Henel has been made managing director of Cyanamid of Great Britain. He succeeds Mr J. H. Taylor, who has been made vice-president of Cyanamid Europe/Mideast/Africa, a division of American Cyanamid.

Mr Anthony Barry, managing director of the Roadstone-Wood Group, is now a director of Cement-Roadstone Holdings.

Mr Michael Robertson becomes sales and marketing director of Bowater Containers.

Mr P. B. Hamilton, chairman and joint managing sub director of the Firth Cleveland sub group of GKN, becomes a director of the companies comprising the BKL alloys division of Firth Cleveland.

Mr Ronald Millar has joined Simon-Barron as director responsible for plant contracting activity.

Mr D. B. Drage has been appointed the first director of the Council of the European Association for Industrial Marketing Research.

Mr Simon Orme becomes managing director of Lonsdale Systems.

Mr R. W. Hall has been made a director of Christopher Moran Group.

Mr Roger Dobbing has been made sales director of Page Bros (Norwich).

Mr Bryan Quilter, managing director of Granada TV Rentals, has been elected to succeed Mr David Hurley as chairman of the council of the National Television Rental Association.

Mr N. C. Beel becomes managing director of Robey of Lincoln, succeeding Mr P. C. H. Lightfoot from February 1.

Mrs C. Pillay, Mr J. R. Foster and Mr J. Edmonds have been appointed to the Advisory Council on Energy Conservation.

Mr J. Wood has been made a director and a vice-chairman of Celestion Industries. Mr O. S. Prenn also becomes a vice-chairman.

Mr John Day is made a director of Lake & Elliot Jacks & Equipment. Mr Peter Hughes joins the board of Lake & Elliot Founders & Engineers.

Mr A. J. Ellison and Mr B. Etchells have joined the board of H. Clarkson (Home).

£2m Laing contract

John Laing Construction has been awarded a contract worth nearly £2m to build three sports centres for Leeds City Council. *Each centre will include two* swimming pools, a multi-facility sports hall, six squash courts, a weight training room and changing rooms.

£500,000 scrap plant

Stoke-on-Trent will have Europe's most modern scrap metal plant in the next few weeks. A £500,000 fragmenter, producing 15 tons of scrap every hour is being installed at the Longport works of McGuinness & Sons.

Occidental Petroleum looks to an increase of 17 pc

Occidental Petroleum Corporation's net income for 1977 based on preliminary estimates is expected to be $215m (about £113m), a 17 per cent increase over the $183.7m earned in q1976, it was announced.

Preliminary estimates indicate that net income for the *1977 fourth quarter will be* about $72m against $71.7m a year ago.

Increased earnings in the oil and gas division were responsible for the improvement in the 1977 fourth quarter as compared to 1976, the company said.

Oil and gas division earnings improved substantially in 1977 due primarily to the North Sea operation. This improvement more than offset lower earnings from the Island Creek coal *division, the company said.* Coal division earnings were affected by adverse weather conditions in the first quarter, wildcat strikes in the second and third quarters, and the industry-wide coal strike in the fourth quarter. —AP-Dow Jones.

International

manufactured by the proposed plant, Arco said. The company said it will continue to monitor the petrochemical markets and *perhaps renew plans for the* project at a later date.

Fielders-Gillespie

Fielders of Australia says that its offer for the entire issued capital of Gillespie Brothers *Holdings is free from all conditions* and it now holds 52.15 per cent of Gillespie's 3.65 million one-year par share issued capital. Fielders share and cash offer was the equivalent of $A2.70 per Gillespie share. A later counterbid by Allied Mills was $A2.80 cash per Gillespie share plus the right to retain a 5.5 cent interim dividend payable by Gillespie next month.

Memorex-Telex deal

Memorex Corporation of California says it has agreed to acquire the European *operations of the Telex Corporation.* The price was not disclosed.

Telex Europe's revenue in 1977 was about $39m (about £20.5m), and Memorex's worldwide revenue during the same period was about $450m—about 40 per cent of which was international.

Arco deferment

Atlantic Richfield Company (Arco) of America says it is postponing further work on its planned $1,000m (about £526.3m) petrochemical complex in Solano County, California. The postponement was prompted by projections of a nationwide oversupply of the products to be

M Kathleen cuts loss but no dividend

On gross revenue up from $A12.57m to $A13.75m (£8m) last year, Mary Kathleen Uranium, the only Australian producer of the substance, cut *its pre-tax loss from* $A12.42m to $A10.87m (£6m). Once again there is no tax charge and no dividend for shareholders.

MKU has received additional long-term finance totalling $A20m from Cousinc Riotinto of *Australia and the Common*wealth Government.

The Government has deferred consideration of any arrangements for further shipments of uranium out of Australia before the middle of February while members of unions involved in the uranium industry participate in the poll called for by the ACTU executive. MKU has been assured of sufficient funds to cover its requirements, provided shipping is resumed, until the end of February. MKU is 51 per cent owned by CRA which is, in turn, 72.6 per cent owned by RTZ.

Anglia BS assets up a fifth to £710m

Annual results announced by Anglia Building Society, the eleventh largest in the country, include a growth in assets in 1977 of £123m to £710m, an increase of 20.9 per cent. Mortgage lending of £137m was an increase of 10 per cent. The number of mortgages granted, 16,100, increased by 5.2 per cent. Of this total, nearly half (46.55 per cent) went to first-time buyers; 17 per cent was loaned on newly-built properties and 21 per cent on pre-1919 properties.

The increase in average loans granted has shown a sharp drop on the previous two years; an increase of £308 to £7,955; as compared with increases of £667 in 1976 and £726 in 1975.

Further improvement likely at Avon

In spite of uncertainties, particularly in tyre markets and the United Kingdom automotive industry, Avon Rubber is projecting a further profit improvement this year, according to Mr Hugh Rogers, chairman, at the annual meeting. Results of the first quarter were in line with forecasts. The stronger pound would inevitably affect profit margins on export sales, which last year increased by 48 per cent to £27m. Export markets were crucial to the continued profitability of the group and hence employment levels. Avon was determined to maintain its competitiveness in those markets through greater efficiency in all its operations.

Fivefold jump for Hallam, Sleigh

Results of Hallam Sleigh & Chesterton, which makes body hardware for vehicles, shows a rise in pre-tax from £29,000 to £157,000 for the year to September 30, 1977. Turnover increased from £2.78m to £3.72m and earnings a share come out at 1.95p against 0.18p.

In spite of major customers not accepting deliveries for a prolonged period a profit similar to that of the comparable half year is envisaged for the six months to next March 31. The board remained confident of a further sustained improvement in sales and profitability, but it is impossible as yet to state exactly when this will occur.

Continental Illinois up by 10 pc

Continental Ollinois Corporation, parent of Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, reports a record annual income, before security transactions, of $144.2m for 1977, up 10.2 per cent. Per-share income, before security transactions, was $4.05, compared with $3.72 in 1976.

Net income was $143.12m, or $4.02 per share, up 11.9 per cent.

United Guarantee in £382,000 turnround

United Guarantee (Holdings) reports a turnround of £382,000 *into a group profit of £247,000* for the year to September 30. This is after all charges, including tax of £69,000 against a credit of £38,000. Earnings a share are 4.780p compared with a loss of 2.615p and the group declares a *dividend of 0.27p* gross for the first time since 1974.

UNITED WIRE GROUP
At Annual meeting chairman said sales and profits for first quarter disappointing. Year will be tough. First half profits will be well down.

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MARKET REPORTS

...PER values declined under liquidation... Chart selling and spot loss operations. Cash wire bars dropped £7.25 ... three months was £7 down.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £631-...54.50. Sales, 2,650 tons. Cash cathodes, £631.50-32.00; three months, £644-44.50. Sales, 500 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £640.50; three months, £653-53.50. Settlement, £641. Sales, 6,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £631-31.50; three months, £643.50-44.00. Settlement, ...60. Sales, 400 tons.

...ER gained about 2p in the ring.—London market (fixing levels).—Spot, ...7p per troy ounce (United States equivalent, 495.7); three months, ...5p (502.5c); six months, 265.1p ...8c); one year, 272.9p (531.3c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 256.8-56.9p; three months, ...9-60.9p. Sales, 85 lots of 10,000 ounces each. Morning.—Cash, ...5-55.4p; three months, 259.1-...9. Settlement, 255.4p. Sales, 18 ...

...—Chart and spot loss selling depressed prices. Standard cash fell £105, three months was £100 down.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,170-80 a metric ton; three months, £6,135-40. Sales, 300 tons. High grade, cash, ...0-80; three months, £6,145-55. ...nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,095-6,105; three months, ...0-85. Settlement, £6,105. Sales, ...tons. High grade, cash £6,095-..., three months, £6,090-6,100. Settlement, £6,105. Sales 25 tons. ...pore tin ex-works, $M1,670 a ...

...followed the trend in copper. ...lost £11.50 and three months £11 down.—Afternoon.—Cash, ...50-31.00 a metric ton; three months, £325.50-26.00. Sales, 3,450 ... Morning.—Cash, £320.50-...; three months, £326.75-26.75. Settlement, £321.50. Sales, 6,100 ...

...—Cash lost £7.375 and three months was £8 down.—Afternoon.—Cash, £253.50-53.75 a metric ton; three months, £258.50-58.75. Sales, ... tons. Morning.—Cash, ...50-53.00; three months, £257.50-... Settlement, £253. Sales, ... tons. All afternoon prices are official.

...INUM was at £107.60 ($209) a ounce.

...ER was irregular (pence per kilo).—Feb, 43.10-45.80; March, ...-46.50; April-June, 47-47.05; July-Sept, 48.95-49.00; Oct-Dec, ...-50.60; Jan-March, 52.05-52.10; April-June, 53.60-53.65; July-Sept, ...-56.20; Oct-Dec, 56.60-56.80. ...18 lots of 5 tonnes; 593 at 15 ...

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier.—Spot, 45.60-46.75. Cifs, Feb 46.75-47.00; March 47-47.25.

COFFEE: Robustas were steady; arabicas were quiet.—ROBUSTAS ($ per metric tonne): Jan 1,985-90; March 1,751-52; May 1,682-85; July 1,623-35; Sept 1,591-1,600; Nov 1,650-80; Jan 1,510-65. Sales, 1,411 lots including 24 options. ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April 217.50-18.00; June 204.60-04.90; Aug 195.05-95.50; Oct 186.25-86.50; Dec 179-75; Feb 159-69. Sales, 47 lots.

PALM OIL quiet.—Jan unquoted, Feb and March £270-80 per metric ton; April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept £260-70.

COCOA.—March fell £33.50 and May was £18.25 down. March, £1,562-63; ... per metric ton, May, £1,497.50-..., July, £1,...; Sept, £1,462.50-65.00; Dec, £1,441-42; March, £1,433-35; May, £1,401-13. Sales, 3,005 lots, including 20 options. ICCO prices unavailable.

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £112; the "whites" price was unchanged at £114. March, £120.50-20.60 per metric ton; May, £126.60-25.75; Aug, £129.70-28.80; Oct, £131.25-31.30; Dec, £133.50-33.75; March, £137.40-37.75; May, £139.75-40.00. Sales, 1,577 lots. ISA prices: 8.74c; 15-day average 8.67.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £107-107.50 per metric ton; April, £104.40-04.50; June, £104.50-05.00; Aug, £105.30-05.50; Oct, £105-106.00; Dec, £105.50-06.20; Feb, £...; Sales, 141 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 231-40; May, 232-33; July, 231-32; Oct, 235-38; Dec, 233-38; March, 230-40; May, 237-42; July, 237-42. Sales, 5 lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat, $400 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat, $475. Calcutta was closed for holiday.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan, £84.25; Feb and March, £84 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent, Jan, Feb and March, £81.75 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £96; Feb, £98.50; March £100 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady. March, £77.70; May, £76; Sept, £78.60; Nov, £81. Sales, 104 lots. WHEAT was steady. March, £84.35; May, £86.20; Sept, £85.15; Nov, £85.50. Sales, 145 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Regional and UK average ex-farm spot prices for week ending January 19.—Other milling WHEAT: S East, £90; S West, no price; Eastern, £90.30; E Midlands, £88.50; W Midlands, no price; N East, £89.70; N West, no price; Scotland, £88.10; N Ireland, no price; UK, £89.30. Feed WHEAT: S East, £74.20; S West, £75; Eastern, £74.20; E Midlands, £74.30; W Midlands, £74; N East, £76.00; N West, £77.20; Scotland, £80.00; N Ireland, no price; UK, £74.70.

Prices for Jan 21:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
E Suffolk	£80.50	£74.60	£70.20
NE Scotland	—	—	£71.20

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets for week ending Jan 21.—GB: Cattle, 59.77p per kglw (+0.48). UK: Sheep 128.9p per kg est dcw (+1.3). GB: Pigs, 58.6p per kglw (+1.2). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 11.5 per cent, average price 59.97p (+0.12). Sheep numbers down 4.0 per cent, average price 129.3p (+1.7). Pig numbers down 8.4 per cent, average price 58.59 (+1.2). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 1.8 per cent, average price 59.125 (+0.87). Sheep numbers down 8.0 per cent, average price 125.6 (−1.8). Pig numbers up 0.4 per cent; average price 59.9p (−0.4).

Prices for Jan 21: GB: Cattle, 61.08p per kglw (+1.52). UK: Sheep 139.2p per kg est dcw (+1.6). GB: Pigs, 59.4p per kglw (+1.5). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.5 per cent, average price 61.21p (+1.46). Sheep numbers down 10.5 per cent, average price 129.7p (+2.0). Pig numbers up 2.0 per cent, average price 59.4p (+1.6). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 10.2 per cent, average price 60.32p (+1.62). Sheep numbers up 3.4 per cent, average price 125.2p (−0.5). Pig numbers down 7.1 per cent, average price 61.2p (no change).

...stralia may ...to arbitration ...sugar row

...isbane, Jan 23.—The Queensland Government does not want to take the drastic step of taking the sugar dispute with Malaysia to international arbitration, but will be forced to do so, Mr Ron Camm, State Mines and Energy Minister, said.

Official sources in Malaysia said Australian negotiators set a deadline of last Friday for Malaysia to agree to new Australian pricing proposals for sugar shipped under a disputed six-year long term contract between the two countries.

The deadline passed and, in the absence of agreement on price, the contract is inoperative from the Malaysian point of view, the sources said. Malaysia has not lifted sugar under the contract since last July.

Malaysia has proposed the price of the contracted sugar should be ... per tonne, while the Australian side is reported to have offered a cut of more than 7 per cent from the current price of ... in return for an extension of the contract, Malaysian sources said.

The contract covers 1.65m tonnes to be shipped between January, ... and December, 1980.

Mr Camm, a canegrower, said the industry could tolerate the ...hing of contract terms to the extent indicated and the state government will oppose any abrogation of the contract.

The contracts were signed in ... when the price of world sugar was, about $A800 a tonne, above the present cost and the price of $A322 a tonne we are now charging Malaysia, he said.

...l expected in ...output after ...o on price rise

..., Malaysia, Jan 23.—The Malaya Chinese Mining Association said that world tin production will fall farther due to other countries vetoing an increase in the buffer stock range agreed at the International Tin Council meeting in London last ...

...major consuming countries ... the raising of the current ... stock floor price of ...0 and the ceiling price ...,500 per picul of tin.

...Belgium-Luxembourg proposed sought to increase the ... to $M1,400 to $M1,600, another proposal by producers for a new range of ... to $M1,700 was also ...

...Leow Van Sip, the association's president, said in a statement the price of tin will fall ... $M1,500 per picul if the ... States General Services Administration (GSA) released ... tons of tin in the near ...

... Leow said many gravel ... will have to close down ... world production will further decline. Consumer countries ... not blame the action of ... producing countries, which are ... producers, imposing export ... and other taxes on tin as ... reason for high tin prices. ... taxes were the only way ... developing countries ... raise revenue.

Foreign Exchange

In very light trading, the dollar declined against major currencies yesterday reflecting general disappointment among European bankers over President Carter's Budget measures.

The Swiss franc benefited more than most, jumping to 1.9850 compared with Friday's 2.0025, despite central bank intervention to curb the advance. Sterling closed nearly a cent up at $1.9420 after a peak of $1.9430 and against a pre-weekend level of $1.9325. The effective index rose to 66.2 from 66.1.

Others progressing over the dollar included D marks 2.1120 (2.1225) and French francs 4.7225 (4.7325). The yen made little response to the record trade and balance of payments surpluses announced by Japan for 1977, as these had been well discounted, and ended unchanged at 241.50.

Gold gained $2.50 an ounce to close in London at $175.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 23	Market rates (close) January 23
New York	$1.9350-9430	$1.9415-9425
Montreal	$2.1350-1460	$2.1405-1470
Amsterdam	4.37½-41½	4.39-40f
Brussels	63.45-85	63.50-60f
Copenhagen	11.10-16k	11.10½-11½k
Frankfurt	4.09-12m	4.09½-10½m
Lisbon	77.00-75.30e	77.60-75.00e
Madrid	156.10-40p	156.25-35p
Milan	1,677-02lr	1,680-81lr
Oslo	9.92-...k	9.97-98k
Paris	9.15-19f	9.15-16f
Stockholm	9.00-04k	9.02-...k
Tokyo	462-65y	465-70y
Vienna	29.10-25sch	29.15-20sch
Zurich	3.84-...f	3.84½-85½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was up 0.1 at 66.2.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.05-.15c disc	.35-.45c disc
Montreal	par-.10c disc	.25-.35c disc
Amsterdam	1c prem-par	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	5-15c disc	15-30c disc
Copenhagen	6½-11½ore disc	25½-30½ore disc
Frankfurt	1½-½pf prem	4-3pf prem
Lisbon	90-150c disc	420-720c disc
Madrid	110-150c disc	120-320c disc
Milan	12-20lr disc	36-48lr disc
Oslo	7½-9½ore disc	21½-23½ore disc
Paris	4½-5½c disc	15-18c disc
Stockholm	2¾-5½ore disc	9½-11½ore disc
Vienna	par-10gro disc	10-30gro disc
Zurich	2¾-1¾c prem	5¾-4¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar) $1.0043-46.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6⅝-7⅛; seven days, 6⅝-7⅛; one month, 7-7⅛; three months, 7⅜-7½; six months, 7⅝-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $174.95 (an ounce); pm, $175.25. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $180-182 (£92¾-93¾); resident, $181-183 (£93¼-94¼). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $54¼-56¼ (£28-29); resident, $54¼-56¼ (£28-29).

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 3,975 to 645,300; tin up 45 to 4,400; lead up 650 to 67,325; zinc down 50 to 63,975; silver down 20,000 to 20,230,000 troy ounces.

Discount market

The discount market appeared to take a pretty relaxed view of the credit shortage on Lombard Street yesterday. Although very little money came on offer during the day, rates were never as high as might have been expected, bobbing about between 5½ and 6½ per cent for the most part. After the Bank of England's very large programme of help, closing balances were there to be picked up in the region of 5½ or 5¼ per cent.

The Bank's assistance took the form of very large purchases of Treasury bills and small purchases of local authority bills directly from the houses. This was judged to be sufficient to meet the market's requirements. The day's shortage was probably larger than anticipated because net Government disbursements, though still substantial and consisting of a rate support grant, housing grant, and interest on gilts, were partly offset by tax payments. In addition, banks' balances were carried over the weekend in a very run-down state.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (last changed 6/1/78)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%

Discount Mkt Loans %

Overnight: High 6¼ Low 5½

Week Fixed: 6½-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅝	2 months	5⅝
3 months	5¾	3 months	5⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6	3 months	6½
3 months	6⅛-6⅛	4 months	6½
4 months	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6¾
6 months	6½-6⅜		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-6⅛	7 months	6¾-6⅝
2 months	6¼-6⅛	8 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6⅜-6¼	9 months	6⅞-6¾
4 months	6⅜-6¼	10 months	6⅞-6¾
5 months	6½-6⅜	11 months	7-6⅞
6 months	6⅝-6½	12 months	7-6⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month	6⅛-6	6 months	6⅝-6½
3 months	6⅜-6¼	12 months	6⅞-6¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¼	3 months	6⅜
7 days	6¼	6 months	6⅝
1 month	6¼	1 year	7

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6¼ Close 6½

1 week	6⅛-6	6 months	6⅝-6½
1 month	6⅛-6	9 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6⅜-6¼	12 months	7-6⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 6¾ 6 months 7

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Coffee study group

London, Jan 23.—The feasibility of varying proposals for establishing stocks of coffee on an international basis as a price stabilization move will be the focal point of an International Coffee Organization (ICO) study group meeting which began in London yesterday.

The discussions stem from a call to ICO members last October to submit suggestions on Mexican proposals for a coffee price stabilization scheme under Article 51 of the International Coffee Agreement.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 23.—The New York stock market fell sharply, with the dollar declining again against foreign currencies.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 6.24 points to 770.70.

Some 915 issues declined against about 450 gainers.

Volume totalled 19.3 million shares compared with 7.58 million on Friday, when the session was shortened by a heavy snowstorm.

The dollar declined against all major European currencies, extending its long slide. Some dealers pointed out that President Carter indicated in his State of the Union address and his Budget message that the United States would continue to seek a high rate of economic expansion, which could further weaken the balance of payments position and add to the already higher rate of inflation.—AP-Dow Jones.

Gold gains up to $4.30

New York, Jan 23.—GOLD futures closed up to $4.30 higher in active trading on the New York Commodity Exchange and the International Monetary Market. NY COMEX: Jan, $176.40; Feb, $176.80; March, $177.10; April, $179.40; June, $182.00; Aug, $184.60; Oct, $187.20; Dec, $189.90; Feb, $192.70; April, $195.60; June, $198.60; Aug, $201.60; Oct, $204.60. CHICAGO IMM: March, $178.40-178.20; June, $182.30-182.40; Sept, $186.40 bid; Dec, $190.90; March, $195.10; June, $194.40; Sept, $203.40 bid.

SILVER futures finished 2.00 cents under the highs, with sizable gains of 10.00 to 13.00 cents. Jan, 501.00c; Feb, 502.50c; March, 505.70c; May, 513.00c; July, 520.30c; Sept, 527.60c; Dec, 538.70c; Jan, 542.40c; March, 549.80c; May, 557.30c; July, 564.80c; Sept, 572.30c. Handy and Harman of Canada $5.503 ($5.440).

COPPER closed steady. Jan, 58.50c; Feb, 58.70c; March, 59.10c; May, 60.10c; July, 61.10c; Sept, 62.10c; Dec, 63.50c; Jan, 64.00c; March, 64.90c; May, 65.80c; July, 66.70c; Sept, 67.60c.

SUGAR futures ended just under the highs, up 0.16 to 0.06 cent. March, 9.58-59c; May, 9.91-92c; July, 10.05-06c; Sept, 10.22c; Oct, 10.29-32c; Jan, 10.45c nominal; March, 10.88c; May, 10.99-11.00c.

COCOA closed barely steady on estimated sales of 1,116. March, 134.05c; May, 125.25c; July, 121.50c; Sept, 119.45c; Dec, 116.25c; March, 114.45c; May, 113.20c.

COFFEE prices sagged some 3.00 cents lower on general lack of buying interest. March, 193.25-90c; May, 178.90-9.00c; July, 167.10c; Sept, 161.38-2.50c; Dec, 147.36c; March, 143.13c.

COTTON futures staged a brisk turnaround today, scoring gains at the close of 0.78cent. March, 55.60-70c; May, 56.70-90c; July, 57.65-95c; Oct, 58.40-50c; Dec, 58.75-90c; March, 59.70-90c; May, 60.10-1.00c; July, 60.50-1.10c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures extended an early recovery to finish just off the day's highs with gains of 8¼ to 5½ cents. SOYABEANS: March, 572½-73c; May, 581¼-82c; July, 586½-87c; Aug, 586c; Sept, 575c; Nov, 572-73c; Jan, 578½c. SOYABEAN OIL: March, 20.50-65c; May, 20.55-58c; July, 20.60c; Aug, 20.55-50c; Sept, 20.10-20c; Oct, 19.50c; Dec, 19.40-50c; Jan, 1930-40c. SOYABEAN MEAL: March, 153.80-3.60; May, $156.60-6.50; July $159.00; Aug, $159.00-9.30; Sept, $159.60-160.00; Oct, $158.00-8.50; Dec, $160.00-0.30. CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat futures held gains of two to ¼ cents a bushel at the close. WHEAT.—March, 275½-¼c; May, 281⅝-¼c; July, 287-86½c; Sept, 295c; Dec, 302¾c; March, 312¼c. MAIZE.—March, 225¾-26½c; May, 230¼-31c; July, 232½-¼c; Sept, 230½c; Dec, 230¾-31c; March, 238c. OATS.—March, 136c; May, 138c; July, 138½c; Sept, 141c; Dec, 144c.

	Jan 23	Jan 20		Jan 23	Jan 20		Jan 23	Jan 20
Allied Chem	36½	37⅛	Fst Penn Corp	18⅛	18⅛	Republic Steel	24¼	24⅞
Allied Stores	19⅝	19⅝	Ford	40⅝e	42¼	Reynolds Ind	54½	54⅞
Allied Supermkt	2⅞	2⅞	GAF Corp	11½	12	Reynolds Metal	29⅞	30
Allis Chalmers	27¼	27⅝	Gamble Skogmo	27⅝	27⅞	Rockwell Int	29⅞	29⅝
Alcoa	40⅝	41	Gen Dynamics	43⅝	43⅞	Royal Dutch	56⅛	56⅞
Amax Inc	35	35⅛	Gen Electric	45⅛	45⅛	Safeways	37⅛	38⅛
Amerada Hess	27	27⅛	Gen Foods	30⅝	30⅝	St Regis Paper	28	28⅛
Am Airlines	10⅝	10⅞	Gen Mills	27⅜	28⅛	Santa Fe Ind	35⅛	36
Am Brands	39⅝	40	Gen Motors	60⅝	61⅝	SCM	18	18⅛
Am Broadcast	35	35⅜	Gen Pub Util NY	19⅛	19⅛	Schlumberger	67⅛	68⅛
Am Can	36⅝	36⅞	Gen Tel Elec	29⅛	29⅝	Scott Paper	13⅛	13⅞
Am Cyanamid	24	24⅛	Gen Tire	24⅝	24½	Seaboard Coast	31½	31⅝
Am Elec Power	23⅝	23⅞	Genesco	5	5	Seagram	20½	20⅝
Am Home	27⅛	27	Georgia Pacific	24⅝	25⅛	Sears Roebuck	25⅝	25⅞
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞	Getty Oil	160	161¼	Shell Oil	29	28⅞
Am Nat Res	42⅝	42⅝	Gillette	24⅝	24⅞	Shell Trans	30⅛	30⅛
Am Standard	35	35⅛	Goodrich	18⅜	18⅝	Signal Co	28⅜	29⅛
Am Telephone	58⅝	57⅞	Goodyear	16⅝	16⅞	Singer	19⅞	18⅝
AMF Inc	17	17⅛	Gould Inc	28⅝	28⅝	Sony	7⅛	7½
Armco Steel	27⅛	27⅛	Grace	24⅛	25⅝	Sth Cal Edison	25⅝	25⅝
Asarco	14⅞	15⅛	Gt Atltc & Pacific	7⅝e	7⅞	Southern Pacific	33⅝	33⅞
Ashland Oil	29⅛	30⅛	Greyhound	12⅝	12⅞	Southern Rly	49⅛	49⅞
Atlntc Richfield	45	45⅜	Grumman Corp	16⅛	16½	Sperry Rand	34⅛	34⅞
Avco	16⅛	16⅝	Gulf Oil	24⅝	24⅞	Squibb	33⅝	33⅞
Avon Products	45⅝	46⅛	Gulf & West	11	11⅛	Std Brands	25⅛	25⅛
Babcock & Wcox	57⅝	57⅞	Heinz H. J.	35⅝	36	Std Oil Califnia	34⅝	38⅛
Bankers Tst NY	35⅝	35	Hercules	14⅛	14⅛	Std Oil Indiana	44⅛	44⅞
Bank of America	21⅝	21⅝	Honeywell	43½	43⅝	Std Oil Ohio	64	65
Bank of NY	31⅛	31⅛	IC Inds	24	23⅞	Sterling Drug	13⅛	13⅞
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	23⅝	Ingersoll	53⅝	53⅞	Stevens J. P.	15⅛	15⅛
Bell & Howell	15	14⅞	Inland Steel	37⅞	39½	Stude Worth	46⅛	45⅞
Bendix	34⅛	34½	IBM	265⅝	266⅞	Sunbeam Corp	20⅝	20⅞
Bethlehem Steel	22	22⅛	Int Harvester	29	29⅛	Sun Comp	39⅛	38½
Boeing	25½	25⅝	INCO	15½	15⅞	Sundstrand	32½	32⅞
Boise Cascade	23⅝	23⅞	Int Paper	41	40⅝	Teledyne	63	62
Borden	28⅝	28⅞	Int Tel Tel	30⅛	30⅛	Tenneco	29⅛	29⅛
Borg Warner	28⅝	28⅞	Jewel Co	18⅛	18⅝	Texaco	26⅛	26⅛
Bristol Myers	32⅝	32⅞	Jim Walter	28	28⅛	Texas East Trans	39½	38⅞
BP	15⅛	15⅝	Johns-Manville	28⅛	28⅞	Texas Inst	70⅛	70⅛
Budd	31⅛	31⅛	Johnson & John	70	70⅛	Texas Utilities	19⅛	19⅛
Burlington Ind	20⅛	20⅛	Kaiser Alumin	29	29⅛	Textron	24⅛	25⅛
Burlington Nthn	39⅝	38⅞	Kennecott	22⅛	22⅝	TWA	11⅛	11⅛
Burroughs	64⅛	64⅝	Kerr McGee	45	45⅛	Travelers Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Campbell Soup	33	33	Kimberly Clark	42⅜	42⅞	TRW Inc	29⅜	31
Canadian Pacific	15⅛	15⅛	Krafco Corp	43⅝	43⅞	UAL Inc	21	21
Caterpillar	50⅝	51⅛	K Mart	25⅝	25⅝	Unilever Ltd	42⅛	42⅛
Celanese	38⅞	39⅛	Kroger	26⅛	26⅝	Unilever NV	54	55
Central Soya	13½	13⅞	Ligget Group	30⅛	30⅛	Union Bancorp	13⅛	13⅛
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅛	L.T.V. Corp	6	6	Union Carbide	39⅛	39⅛
Chase Manhat	28⅝	28⅝	Litton	14⅛	14⅛	Union Oil Calif	46⅛	46⅛
Chem Bank NY	38⅞	39⅛	Lockheed	13⅝	13⅝	Un Pacific Corp	48⅛	48⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	34	33	Lucky Stores	13	13	Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
Chrysler	13	13	Manuf Hanover	31⅛	31⅛	United Brands	7⅛	7⅛
Citicorp	20⅛	20⅛	Mapco	35½	36⅛	US Industries	7⅛	7
Cities Service	48⅛	48⅛	Marathon Oil	43⅛	43⅛	US Steel	31	30⅛
Clark Equip	31⅛	31⅛	Marine Midland	13⅛	13⅛	Utd Technol	32½	32⅛
Coca Cola	36	36⅛	Martin Marietta	24	23⅛	Wachovia	16⅛	16⅛
Colgate	20⅛	20⅛	McDonnell	24⅛	24⅛	Warner Comm	30	30⅛
CBS	46⅛	46⅛	Mead	20⅛	20	Warner Lambert	26½	26⅛
Columbia Gas	28 e	28½	Merck	55½	55⅛	Wells Fargo	24⅛	24½
Combustion Eng	35	34⅛	Minnesota Mng	48⅛	48⅛	West'n Bancorp	30⅛	31⅛
Comwlth Edison	27⅛	27⅛	Mobil Oil	60⅛	59⅛	Westnghse Elec	17½	17½
Cons Edison	23	24⅛	Monsanto	51⅛	51⅛	Weyerhauser	24⅛e	25
Cons Foods	23½	23⅛	Morgan J. P.	42½	42⅛	Whirlpool	20⅛	20⅛
Cons Power	22½	22⅛	Motorola	35⅛	35½	White Motor	6⅛	6⅛
Continental Grp	31⅛	31½	NCR Corp	39⅛	39⅛	Woolworth	18⅛	18⅛
Continental Oil	28⅛	28½	NL Industries	17	17	Xerox Corp	44	44⅛
Control Data	22½	22⅛	Nabisco	47⅛	46⅛	Zenith	13½	13⅛
Corning Glass	47⅛	47⅛	Nat Distillers	20½	20⅛			
CPC Intnl	43⅛	44⅛	Nat Steel	31⅛	32⅛			
Crane	26	25⅛	Norfolk West	27⅛	27⅛			
Crocker Int	24½	24½	NW Bancorp	22	22⅛			
Crown Zeller	31⅛	32	Norton Simon	18⅛	18⅛			
Dart Ind	34⅛	34⅛	Occidental Pet	20⅛	20⅛			
Deere	23⅛	24⅛	Ogden	23½	23			
Del Monte	23⅛	23⅛	Olin Corp	16⅛	16⅛			
Delta Air	38⅛	38⅛	Owens-Illinois	22	22⅛			
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16⅛	Pacific Gas Elec	23⅛	23⅛			
Disney	34⅛	35⅛	Pan Am	5	5⅛			
Dow Chemical	25⅛	26½	Penney J. C.	34	34⅛			
Dresser Ind	39⅛	40	Pennzoil	28⅛	28½			
Duke Power	20⅛	20⅛	Pepsico	26	25⅛			
Du Pont	107⅛	109½	Pet Inc	32½	33⅛			
Eastern Air	7	7⅛	Pfizer	27⅛	27⅛			
Eastman Kodak	46⅛	49	Phelps Dodge	20	20⅛			
Eaton Corp	34½	34⅛	Philip Morris	56½	57⅛			
El Paso Nat Gas	15⅛	15⅛	Phillips Petrol	27⅛	27⅛			
Equitable Life	24⅛	24⅛	Polaroid	24½	25			
Esmark	27	27⅛	PPG Ind	26⅛	26⅛			
Evans P. D.	14⅛	15½	Proctor Gamble	82⅛	82⅛			
Exxon Corp	43⅛	43⅛	Pub Ser El & Gas	22½	22⅛			
Fed Dept Stores	36⅛	36⅛	Pullman	26	26⅛			
Firestone	15	14⅛	Rapid American	5⅞	6⅛			
Fst Chicago	17⅛	18	Raytheon	29⅛	29⅛			
Fst Nat Boston	25⅛	25½	RCA Corp	32⅛	32⅛			

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	10⅛	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	27⅛	27⅛
Algoma Steel	14⅛	14½
Bell Telephone	52⅛	53
Cominco	27	26⅛
Cons Bathurst	22	22⅛
Falconbridge	17½	17⅛
Gulf Oil	28⅛	29⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	5.87	6.25
Hudson Bay Min	16⅛	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	45⅛	45⅛
Imasco	27⅛h	27⅛
Imperial Oil	19½	19⅛
Int Pipe	13⅛	13½
Mass-Fergsn	15⅛	15⅛
Royal Trust	16	16
Seagram	23½	23⅛
Steel Co	23⅛	23⅛
Talcorp	8⅛h	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	12	11⅛
Walker Hiram	28⅛	28⅛
WCT	32⅛	32⅛

e Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9435 (1.9332); three months, 1.9396 (1.9298); Canadian dollar 90.61 (...). The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.21 at 346.68. The futures index was up 1.67 at 356.06. The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 770.70 (776.94); transportation, 210.51 (210.85); utilities (106.26 (106.77); 65 stocks, 270.91 (272.47). New York Stock Exchange index, 49.38 (49.73); industrial, 52.91 (53.29); transportation, 39.23 (39.43); utilities, 38.59 (38.82); financial, 50.41 (50.79).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS $	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	94¾	95¼
Australia 8¼ 1992	95	95¾
Aust. Mining 9¼ 1992	97	97¾
Avco 9¼ 1983	99	99¾
Barclays 8¼ 1992	96¼	97
Bowater 9¼ 1992	96¼	97
British Gas 9 1981	101½	102¼
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	96	96¾
Citicorp 7 1981	95¾	96½
CECA 8¼ 1989	95¾	96½
CECA 8¾ 1997	96¼	97
DSM 8¼ 1987	96¼	97
Elf Aquitaine 8¼ 1985	96	96¾
EIB 8¼ 1987	97¼	98
EEC 7¾ 1984	95¾	96¼
Elsons 8¾ 1992	94½	95
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	97½	98¼
Gotaverken 8¼ 1987	94½	95
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	96	96¾
ICI 8¾ 1987	96¼	97
IU O'seas 8¾ 1987	96¼	97
Light-Services 9 1982	96¾	97¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	96¼	97
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	96½	97¼
NCB 8 1987	94	94¾
Na West 9 1986	102	102¼
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	94½	95
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	98¾	99¼
Occidental 8¾ 1987	96¼	97¼
Occidental 9¾ 1981	102	102¾
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	95	96
Quebec 9 1995	95	95¾
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94	94¾
R. J. Reynolds 7¼ 1982	97¾	98½
Sandvik 8¾ 1986	96	97¼
Statsforetag 7¾ 1983	95¾	96¼
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	98¼	99¼
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sweden 8¾ 1987	95¼	95¾
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	96¼	97
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1985	96¼	97¼
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7½ 1984	96	96½
CCF 6¼ 1985	99¼	99¾
IBJ 7 1982	99¼	99¾
LTCB 6¼ 1982	99¾	99¾
OKB 6¼ 1985	99	99¾
Soc Gen 7 9.16 1984	97¾	98¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¾ 1982	98¼	99¼
BM-Rl 8¾ 1992	97¼	98¼
Ford 8¼ 1984	98¼	98¼
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	98	99¼
Rank 9¼ 1982	99¼	100¼
Walter Heller 9¼ 1984	98¼	99¼
DEUTSCHE MARK		
CFP 6¼ 1.7.84	103	103¼
ICI 6¼ 1.6.87	103	105¼
New Zealand 5¾ 1.5.84	105¼	106
Phyrn 6¼ 1.9.89	101¼	102¼
Quebec Hydro 6¼ 16.8.87	100¾	101¼
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	93	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	106	108
Beecham 6¾ 1992	98¼	99¼
Borden 6¾ 1991	107	109
Carnation 4 1988	76½	78½
Chevron 5 1988	112¼	114¼
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	82	84
Fairchild Camera 5¾ 1991	78¾	80¾
Ford 5 1988	81½	83½
Ford 6 1986	90¼	92¼
General Electric 4¼ 1987	80¼	82¼
Gillette 4¾ 1987	75½	77¼
Gould 5 1987	111¼	113¼
Gulf & Western 5 1988	75	77
Honeywell 6 1986	84¼	86¼
ICI 6¾ 1997	85¼	86¼
INA 6 1997	92	93
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	107	108
ITT 4¼ 1987	74	76
J. Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	154	156
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1993	118	119
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	94¼	96¼
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	98	100
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	74	76
Revlon 4¾ 1987	107¼	109¼
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82	84
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	80	82
Squibb 4¼ 1987	77	79
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	124¼	125¼
Texaco 4¼ 1988	76½	78½
Union Bank of Switz 4¼ 1987	131¼	133¼
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	77½	79¼
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75¾	77¾

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Cardiff City 11½% Rd 1986 (£100)	£101-¼
Exchequer 10½% 1995 (£95)	£20¼-¼
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	124
Grampian Reg Cncl 10½% 1985 (£99)	£61-¼
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	66
Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1982 (a)	£101½
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£95)	£35½-¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Arlington Mtr (95)	Feb 24	25 prem
Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 10	42 prem
L R C Int (103)		29 prem-2
Muirhead (158)	Mar 13	28 prem+1
Nat Bnk of Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 3	40 prem
Noll J. (84)		9 prem
Preedy A. (56)	Mar 3	23 prem+2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £85 paid. i £15 paid. j £60 paid.

...ank Base Rates

... Bank	6½%
...ays Bank	6½%
...olidated Crdts	7½%
... London Secs	6½%
...oare & Co	*6½%
...is Bank	6½%
...on Mercantile	6½%
...nd Bank	6½%
...Vestminster	6½%
...minster Acc's	6½%
...ey Trust	9½%
...	6½%
...ms and Glyn's	6½%

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The Over-the-Counter Market

...78 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
27	Airsprung Ord	41	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
06	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
05	Bardon Hill	142	—	12.0	8.5	9.8
51	Deborah Ord	100	—	5.1	5.1	8.1
08	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
20	Frederick Parker	138	—	11.5	8.3	6.7
36	Jackson Group	48	—	5.0	10.4	5.6
55	James Burrough	110	—	6.0	5.5	10.1
88	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
54	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.4	—
51	Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
57	Walter Alexander	85	—	6.4	7.5	6.3

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977-78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
34.1	24.2	Abbey Capital	32.4	34.5	3.98
49.3	35.7	Abbey General	45.2	48.1e	5.07
40.3	29.8	Do Income	38.2	40.6	5.41
36.0	27.6	Do Invest	32.5	34.6	4.59
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1			
79.4	51.4	Allen Trust (3)	72.8	78.0	4.12
64.9	47.9	Do Inc (3)	61.9	66.6e	6.47
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
73.7	53.6	Allied Capital	70.5	75.7	4.14
66.6	50.4	Do 1st	63.8	70.3	5.12
67.2	46.6	Brit Ind 2nd	62.7	67.4	5.25
30.0	27.8	Growth & Inc	37.0	39.5e	5.00
33.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	32.2	34.4	4.94
40.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	37.8	40.4	5.66
62.6	45.4	High Income	62.3	66.5	6.76
39.4	32.2	Equity Income	37.9	40.5e	6.75
24.8	22.4	International	22.0	23.5e	2.44
47.8	44.0	High Yield Fnd	67.3	72.4	...
146.9	79.1	Hambro Fnd	104.8	112.2	5.09
38.5	32.4	Do Recovery	88.5	94.5	4.93
33.3	17.3	Do Smaller	33.3	35.6e	4.91
12.1	...	Do Accum	119.0	126.0	4.34
41.4	34.2	2nd Smaller	41.4	44.2	5.09
52.8	45.3	Secs of America	44.2	47.3e	3.17
34.1	31.0	Pacific Fnd	34.4	36.7e	3.05
57.1	45.3	Overseas Fnd	52.2	55.7e	5.62
210.1	128.3	Exempt Smaller	210.1	223.2	5.45
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281			
115.4	107.3	Extra Income	112.4	122.0e	10.20
42.1	41.8	High Income	40.8	44.2e	8.93
55.0	39.8	Do Accum	55.0	59.5e	8.53
35.0	34.9	8pc W'draw	35.0	50.5e	8.93
28.3	23.8	Pref Fund	25.5	27.6e	12.00
39.0	32.1	Do Accum (1)	38.0	40.9e	12.00
20.8	15.5	Capital Fund	18.3	19.8	..
55.6	45.1	Commodity (3)	51.9	56.0	5.03
76.8	61.0	Do Accum (3)	73.2	79.0	5.03
51.2	41.9	10% W'draw (3)	46.8	50.5	5.02
14.0	12.7	Aro Fin & Prop	14.2	16.0	7.07
42.6	31.0	Giants Fund	39.4	42.5e	3.31
44.4	34.9	Do Accum	47.4	49.0e	3.37
33.3	25.1	Growth Fund	33.9	36.2e	3.20
40.9	29.8	Do Accum	40.0	42.3e	3.20
22.3	16.3	F. & Int Fund	20.5	22.1	1.84
17.3	15.7	6% W'draw (3)	14.8	16.1	1.84
26.8	23.6	N Amer Int (4)	21.4	20.4	1.00
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
36.8	29.7	Unicorn Amer	28.4	30.5e	2.12
47.9	41.3	Aust Income	44.1	47.9e	3.42
64.2	53.4	Do Accum	55.6	60.4	3.42
67.3	53.3	Unicorn Capital	64.9	69.5	4.23
111.3	72.7	Exempt	104.4	112.9e	5.90
28.4	19.5	Extra Income	24.9	26.7	5.82
61.8	44.4	Financial	59.6	64.4	4.95
70.9	50.3	Unicorn 500	70.9	74.6e	5.73
31.0	28.0	General	29.5	32.8	6.02
42.0	29.3	Growth Accum	40.2	43.5	3.97
84.3	69.3	Income	83.0	89.2	5.50
41.2	27.5	Recovery	40.5	44.1	5.35
116.3	85.6	Trustee	113.4	120.6e	4.93
51.9	46.8	Worldwide	45.1	48.5e	1.97
64.9	46.8	B'tsn Inv Fnd	62.2	64.3e	4.56
73.3	50.8	Do Accum	69.3	72.7	4.56
		Bridge Fund Managers Ltd. 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
50.6	34.8	Bridge Income	49.5	52.6	6.92
38.2	23.4	Do Cap Inc (2)	31.7	33.8	3.39
39.3	25.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	34.5	34.8	3.39
134.0	87.0	Do Exempt (2)	130.0	134.0	5.74
14.6	13.7	Do Int Inc (3)	13.3	14.2	4.34
15.6	14.3	Do Int Acc	14.4	15.4	4.34
		Britannia Trust Management Ltd. 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
72.2	53.6	Assets	69.5	74.7	4.75
70.4	49.8	Financial Secs	67.3	72.3e	4.05
53.7	41.2	Capital Accum	50.1	53.9e	4.03
60.2	43.8	Comm & Ind	53.8	57.8e	4.14
74.4	60.9	Commodity	70.0	75.3e	5.65
41.8	28.8	Domestic	38.6	41.5e	3.73
101.5	66.6	Exempt	99.7	104.9e	7.56
39.7	24.8	Extra Income	39.7	42.7	9.13
18.1	17.7	Far East Fnd	16.9	18.1	4.66
38.6	26.1	Universal Engy	31.2	33.5e	3.35
54.9	53.4	Int Growth	51.6	55.5	3.42
103.8	72.3	Gold & General	95.0	102.1e	2.11
85.1	63.5	Growth	79.0	84.9e	4.08
73.3	54.1	Income & Grwth	72.7	78.2	6.66
45.8	34.1	Ins Tst Shares	41.6	44.7e	3.71
40.9	27.0	Minerals Tst	36.7	39.4	3.03
81.4	59.3	Nat High Inc	77.9	83.7	8.17
36.4	24.0	New Issue	26.3	29.0e	4.25
32.6	28.4	North American	27.1	29.2e	1.95
325.7	322.7	Professional	487.2	502.2e	3.40
15.0	8.9	Property Shares	14.8	16.0	2.16
50.8	38.3	Shield	45.7	49.1	3.89
29.6	17.8	Status Change	29.6	31.5	4.67
		The British Life. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
53.2	40.9	British Life	49.1	51.9	5.39
47.9	31.3	Balanced (2)	44.3	47.4	5.40
44.7	32.2	Dividend (2)	43.6	46.6	8.74
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founder's Court, Lothbury, Ec2. 01-600 8520			
116.0	61.7	Brn Ship Ex (1)	114.3	120.2e	4.00
238.5	151.6	Do Income (1)	217.6	231.5	4.53
277.0	181.0	Do Accum (1)	267.3	284.4	4.53
35.5	27.6	Oceanic Fin	35.3	37.4	4.30
14.8	16.1	Do General	18.2	19.4	4.20
45.6	31.1	Do Grwth Acc	44.9	47.6	5.20
36.8	25.8	Do Grwth Inc	36.2	38.4	5.20
30.1	19.8	Do High Inc	30.1	32.7	9.00
20.6	16.1	Do Invest	18.8	19.9	3.64
19.4	16.2	Do Overseas	16.3	17.3e	3.00
29.2	18.9	Do Perfor	25.7	27.7	4.78
26.4	18.7	Do Index	24.7	26.5e	5.34
22.4	13.9	Do Recovery	22.4	23.8	5.61
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
40.0	30.4	Canlife Gen	35.7	38.7e	4.30
49.0	35.6	Do Accum	44.6	46.9	4.30
36.2	27.1	Income Dist	35.6	38.3	7.45
43.0	32.7	Do Accum	44.7	46.9	7.45
		Capel (James) Management Ltd. 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
86.2	53.9	Capital Fnd (22)	81.4	86.7	4.33
75.5	49.0	Income Fnd (22)	74.0	78.8	7.52
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
65.2	50.1	Carliol (8)	63.4	66.9	4.59
77.5	57.8	Do Accum	73.4	77.9	4.59
41.3	28.1	Do High Yld	41.0	43.5	7.86
50.1	31.6	Do Accum	49.8	52.3	7.86
		Charities Charities Narrower-Range Fund. 15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-638 4121			
128.5	95.2	Income (34)	..	127.3	9.39
154.6	102.8	Do Accum (34)	..	154.6	9.39
		Charities Official Investment Fund. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
137.0	103.1	Inc* (24)	..	131.7	6.36
250.7	182.0	Accum* (24)	..	244.5	..
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
23.8	21.4	Int (3)	20.4	21.8	1.93
27.2	24.3	Accum (3)	23.5	25.2	3.98
38.8	27.8	Inc (3)	35.4	37.8	8.15
24.0	24.0	Euro Fin (3)	23.8	25.4	3.70
27.4	21.2	Fund Inv (3)	25.2	27.0	3.72
		Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd. 30-31 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BR. 01-248 3932			
24.5	20.3	American Fnd	19.4	20.8e	2.74
25.0	23.0	Basic Resources	24.5	26.3	4.74
49.4	37.5	High Income	41.7	44.8	9.09
26.2	23.9	International	21.6	24.3	3.38
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
39.0	20.3	Growth Fnd	27.4	29.4e	4.03
49.9	46.9	International	46.2	49.5	0.60
42.3	32.4	Reserves Fnd	40.6	43.6	4.02
44.8	33.0	High Dist	44.3	47.5	7.64
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
67.7	50.7	Progressive	63.2	66.7	4.37
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32615			
69.2	42.5	Equity & Law	64.0	67.3	4.18
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd. Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
109.8	60.6	Capital	109.8	116.6	3.63
100.2	55.6	Income	99.6	105.8e	6.13
99.6	63.6	Int Growth	96.6	102.6	2.49
99.2	50.0	Do Accum	98.8	105.0e	2.49
		Friends Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey. 0306-5055			
45.7	30.1	Friends Prov	42.1	45.0e	4.27
57.1	37.0	Do Accum	53.6	57.3	4.27
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
100.9	78.0	Capital*	83.8	94.3	4.64
81.0	58.6	Gross Income*	75.6	78.8e	7.87
98.3	66.0	High Yield*	87.0	90.0	7.84
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
33.4	26.0	G & A	31.3	33.9e	4.27
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 Finsbury Circus, EC2M 7DD. 01-628 8131			
84.1	63.4	GT Cap	83.4	88.7	3.60
99.6	71.1	Do Accum	98.7	105.0	3.60
168.8	110.8	Do Income	166.8	177.4	7.50
138.0	126.7	Do US Gen Fnd	129.4	137.6	2.30
248.7	219.2	Do Japan Gen	218.9	232.5	1.10
139.1	123.4	Do Pension Ex	127.2	133.5	3.80
57.5	48.7	Four Yards Fnd	54.1	57.5	7.00
110.0	105.4	International	106.6	113.3	2.40
		Gartmore Fund Managers. 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
26.9	20.3	American Tst ‡	22.4	24.1e	1.02
52.5	35.0	British Tst	50.9	54.7	3.48
145.4	115.9	Commodity	134.2	144.4	3.67
26.8	24.0	Far Eastern ‡	21.4	23.1	1.29
57.9	39.0	High Income	57.9	62.3	8.42
71.1	48.0	Income	70.8	76.1	6.97
13.59	12.11	Ins Agencies	£12.55	13.37e	3.78
29.8	26.1	International ‡	26.5	28.5	1.40
89.4	78.0	Int Exempt	84.4	91.7	5.63
		Grieveson Management Co Ltd. 59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433			
219.3	160.6	Barrington Fnd	195.1	204.9e	4.34
233.8	166.2	Do Accum	212.6	222.2	4.34
175.9	115.9	High Yield	173.6	181.8	7.67
197.4	122.7	Do Accum	194.9	204.1	7.17
168.7	133.8	Endeavour	151.4	157.7	2.74
173.3	137.8	Do Accum	156.4	162.8	2.74
97.9	80.5	Grantchester (5)	78.0	81.7e	2.94
93.9	82.0	Do Accum	80.4	84.2e	2.94
68.6	54.3	Ldn & Brussels	67.1	70.6e	3.87
78.4	65.3	Do Accum	69.8	72.8	3.98
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
92.7	68.7	Guardhill	88.0	91.1	4.17
		Henderson Administration. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
33.0	26.1	Aust Tst	27.2	29.1	1.95
74.6	62.9	Cabot	70.7	75.3	3.34
84.6	50.0	Do Extra Inc.	54.6	57.5e	8.68
44.0	27.8	Cap Accum	41.9	45.6	3.87
33.4	29.3	European	32.1	34.3	1.54
63.4	55.0	Far East Tst	55.9	60.1e	2.69
25.1	2.5	Financial ITU	24.7	26.6	3.44
113.2	103.7	Henderson Gr*	102.9	107.2	2.40
54.6	37.7	High Income	57.9	61.9	7.62
33.0	22.6	Inc & Assets	32.1	34.3	5.13
27.3	24.6	International	25.3	26.9	2.21
41.5	33.1	Nth American	31.9	34.3e	1.24
25.3	23.3	Oil & Nat Res	24.5	25.8	2.48
82.4	54.0	World Wide	74.6	79.8	4.00
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
74.3	67.4	Dollar	84.7	89.2	2.00
35.9	29.1	International	33.7	36.1e	3.16
163.1	121.2	British Tst	153.6	164.1	5.02
163.1	121.2	Do Guernsey	153.3	164.1	5.02
31.7	22.0	Capital	29.9	32.0	4.24
100.2	74.3	Financial Tst	94.3	100.9	4.39
29.0	21.2	Income Tst	27.3	29.2	7.11
30.4	20.6	High Yield	29.3	31.4e	7.85
35.7	41.4	Security Tst	32.3	36.5	4.93
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
69.3	48.1	Equity & Gen.	66.2	70.4	4.98
80.6	67.7	Energy Ind Fnd	72.7	77.2e	3.82
140.4	82.7	Exempt Fnd (36)	140.4	149.4e	6.80
79.9	52.8	Inc Fnd	79.1	84.2	7.89
60.6	62.5	Key Fixed Int	60.6	64.4	12.08
87.1	54.5	Smaller Co Fnd	87.1	92.6	5.38
		Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers 20 Fenchurch Street, EC3. 01-623 8000			
81.2	58.8	KB Unit Fd Inc	84.7	91.7	4.45
108.7	69.4	KB Unit Fd Acc	103.7	112.3	4.45
		Lawson Securities. 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
26.1	21.4	American Fnd	19.8	21.4	0.28
26.5	22.3	Do Accum	20.6	22.3	0.28
37.7	26.6	Gilt & Warrant	34.1	37.5	2.16
49.8	38.1	High Yield Fnd	49.8	54.1	10.30
67.4	47.6	Do Accum	67.4	73.3	10.30
35.8	25.5	Raw Materials	33.3	36.3	7.74
39.0	26.1	Do Accum	36.1	39.3	7.74
58.0	49.4	Growth	56.0	60.9	3.62
61.1	52.3	Do Accum	61.1	66.4	3.62
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
58.4	38.6	Distribution (40)	56.2	59.4	4.92
71.0	45.8	Do Accum (40)	68.8	72.6	4.92
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
53.1	39.5	1st Balanced	50.6	54.4	4.10
70.8	51.8	Do Accum	68.6	71.7	4.10
50.8	43.6	2nd Capital	47.7	51.2	3.51
62.3	52.9	Do Accum	59.3	63.7	3.51
88.7	63.7	3rd Income	80.7	86.7	6.88
113.2	81.8	Do Accum	108.3	116.4	5.88
61.1	44.2	4th Extra Inc	59.4	63.8	7.27
65.8	48.4	Do Accum	65.8	70.7	7.27
		Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust. 77 London Wall, EC2N 1DB. 01-588 1815			
89.7	84.2	Narrower Rnge*	..	89.7	10.39
192.4	151.3	Wider Range*	..	185.5	5.19
102.0	80.1	Property*	..	102.0	7.81
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
46.2	40.0	Amer & Gen Inc	39.1	41.6	0.90
44.2	39.0	Australasian Inc	40.8	43.3	2.70
64.6	54.0	Commod & Gen	63.7	68.5	5.12
68.3	34.4	Do Accum	67.2	72.4	5.12
101.2	73.0	Compound	96.3	105.6	3.79
50.9	47.8	Conversion Tst	48.2	51.8	3.95
153.9	103.0	Charifund* (2)	143.8	146.0	7.82
178.1	115.2	Do Accum (2)	171.1	174.3	7.82
113.7	74.8	Div Fnd	113.8	121.1e	7.15
213.4	139.6	Do Accum	216.6	231.3	7.15
49.3	45.3	Euro & Gen Inc	46.7	50.0e	3.60
84.8	54.0	Extra Yield	84.0	89.5	8.14
110.3	66.4	Do Accum	109.4	116.5	8.04
41.4	39.6	Far East Inc	37.3	40.5	3.31
44.1	43.0	Do Accum	43.5	42.9	3.31
60.0	47.4	FITS	54.8	58.1e	4.15
73.0	55.0	Do Accum	68.2	72.2	4.15
168.0	129.7	General Tst	158.2	170.1e	3.76
247.7	183.0	Do Accum	243.6	259.7	3.76
101.9	62.1	High Income	100.0	106.1e	8.16
182.7	99.7	Do Accum	162.7	173.2	8.16
145.1	115.3	Japan & Gen Inc	116.3	124.4	1.30
232.7	162.3	Magnum Fnd	221.0	235.9e	4.26
229.9	184.0	Do Accum	229.2	246.4	4.24
156.6	96.8	Mid & Gen	154.6	166.0	6.68
233.9	148.5	Do Accum	233.9	250.4	6.68
34.6	25.9	NAACIP	..	77.8	8.53
123.6	82.1	Do Accum	..	121.6	8.53
127.8	90.1	Pension* (2)	124.6	131.4	5.61
79.1	34.3	Recovery Inc	79.1	84.2e	4.15
162.1	115.5	Second Gen	162.1	172.6e	4.86
242.3	176.6	Do Accum	232.3	250.0	4.86
150.0	94.2	Special Tst	150.0	159.9	4.04
185.8	113.0	Do Accum	185.9	198.1	4.04
144.0	97.7	Trustee Fnd	142.0	151.1	6.48
203.3	174.7	Do Accum	207.7	282.4	6.48
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 2RD. 0742-79842			
28.4	22.4	Capital	24.1	26.1e	3.77
29.2	23.4	Do Accum	26.3	28.1	3.77
57.8	46.2	Commodity	56.5	60.7e	5.36
64.1	49.5	Do Accum	64.1	64.9	5.36
34.6	24.7	Growth	33.6	35.9	3.41
40.3	38.6	Do Accum	35.6	38.1	3.41
62.9	50.0	High Yield	60.7	65.3	8.13
64.9	50.0	Do Accum	61.6	65.5	8.13
50.1	35.4	Income	50.3	53.8	5.96
57.6	40.5	Do Accum	56.9	60.9	5.96
39.8	40.6	International	39.1	42.9	2.90
52.7	42.9	Do Accum	42.0	45.4	2.90
112.8	96.5	Exempt Equity	102.4	109.0	5.45
112.8	99.8	Do Accum	102.4	109.0	5.45
		National & Commercial. 31 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9151			
159.8	122.0	Income	146.0	151.4	5.30
231.2	143.2	Do Accum	226.2	233.4	5.30
131.2	106.0	Capital	123.2	127.9	3.57
157.4	118.0	Do Accum	145.8	154.2	3.54
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
58.4	44.5	NPI Accum (15)	54.5	58.1	3.70
49.4	38.2	Do Dist (15)	46.4	49.4	3.70
131.0	127.9	Do O'seas Acc	120.8	127.9	2.51
121.7	120.9	Do O'seas Dis	114.2	120.9	2.51
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-606 6060			
91.7	80.7	Growth	84.1	90.4e	4.60
		161 Cheapside EC2V 6EU. 01-606 6060			
67.2	50.6	Capital	68.5	73.1	4.22
69.9	53.1	Extra Income	66.6	71.6	7.29
37.9	29.2	Income	36.3	39.0	6.21
37.6	31.6	Financial	34.0	36.6e	4.26
75.2	57.6	Portfolio	70.7	75.5	4.66
		N.E.L. Trust Managers Ltd. Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911			
65.4	53.0	Nelstar	62.7	66.0	4.97
50.7	47.8	Do High Inc	50.7	53.3	9.38
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
166.0	129.9	Equity	159.0	169.0	3.97
153.4	112.0	Income Fund	148.3	154.5	6.48
82.8	73.4	Int Income	72.3	77.5	2.11
56.0	73.4	Int Accum	71.2	76.5	2.11
155.2	96.2	Smaller Co's	150.6	160.3	4.76
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
356.2	217.8	Group Tst Fnd	351.1	369.6	4.64
		For Oceanic Group see Brown Shipley.			
		Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
24.8	20.5	Growth	22.9	24.7	4.54
29.8	23.0	Do Accum	26.4	28.4	4.54
33.4	24.8	Income	31.2	33.6	6.45
37.5	28.4	Trust	34.6	37.6	4.76
46.9	36.3	Do Accum	44.4	47.8	4.76
		Pelican Unit Administration. 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
91.8	58.1	Pelican	91.3	97.4	4.91
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management. 48 Hart St, Henly on Thames. 04912 6868			
38.3	18.8	Perpetual Grth	38.3	40.7e	3.29
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. 44 Bloomsbury Square, WC1. 01-623 8893			
146.8	113.4	Practical Inc	137.6	146.4	4.21
203.1	153.6	Do Accum (3)	192.5	204.4	4.21
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
74.8	55.5	Prolific	73.7	78.9	3.44
112.2	71.6	Do High Inc	108.4	116.1e	7.42
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers. Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
138.0	94.0	Prudential	133.0	130.5	4.26
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.8	30.4	Sekforde Tst	41.5	44.1	4.51
42.2	28.7	Do Accum	42.2	45.1	4.51
63.7	41.0	Opp Accum (2)	59.7	63.8	5.77
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St. Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh. EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
36.4	32.6	Capital Units	33.1	35.5e	3.40
24.9	20.5	I.T.U.	23.0	24.7	3.85
64.8	60.1	Universal Grwth	58.9	63.3	2.10
57.4	42.7	High Yield	55.8	59.9	8.37
44.8	34.1	Income	44.7	49.0	7.99
63.0	54.8	High Return	64.2	69.0e	7.92
40.3	39.3	U.K. Equity Fnd	43.5	46.2	5.63
49.0	47.4	Do Accum	...	...	...
71.1	51.5	Europe Growth	72.9	79.1	3.31
96.3	72.5	Japan Growth	75.6	81.2	1.55
62.8	64.9	U.S. Growth	63.2	67.9	3.17
67.2	60.0	Commodity	66.8	71.8	4.49
67.7	59.7	Energy	62.1	66.7	2.87
69.6	61.2	Financial Secs	66.3	71.2	3.22
228.8	98.3	Select Int	221.2	233.4	2.84
58.4	52.1	Do Income	53.9	56.8	7.01
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
38.8	34.4	Scotbits	37.4	40.2e	3.85
228.8	199.4	Scotex'mpt Grth	199.5	208.9e	2.92
177.6	119.9	Do Yield	169.2	177.2	6.54
53.9	40.6	Scotshares	55.0	59.1	4.30
55.2	40.1	Scotyields	51.0	54.6	8.53
		Schlesinger Trust Managers. (Trident Funds) 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
24.6	19.8	Am Ex Fnd	18.8	19.8	2.94
34.8	28.4	Amer Growth	24.9	26.8	2.68
29.9	25.0	Ex High Yield	25.8	27.2	8.30
28.6	28.0	Ex Mart Leader	24.9	26.2	4.00
29.9	24.7	Extra Income	29.9	32.1e	9.56
33.8	28.0	Income Fund	31.3	34.0e	8.53
33.8	28.2	Inc 10% Wdrwl	31.3	34.0e	..
55.8	43.2	Int Growth	41.2	44.2e	3.38
24.6	25.0	Inv Tst Units	23.2	25.6	4.69
31.8	22.7	Market Leaders	28.8	30.8e	4.33
31.8	25.8	Nil Yield Fnd	27.7	29.9	0.07
24.5	25.0	Pref & Gilt Fund	24.5	26.8	11.00
28.8	28.0	Prop Shares	27.4	29.5	2.14
29.9	25.5	Special Sits Tst	25.7	27.6	11.00
23.0	17.2	UK Ace Units	20.9	22.5a	5.17
20.0	16.2	Do Dist. Units	19.4	21.0	5.17
		J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd. 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-240 3434			
103.6	73.0	Capital (2)	94.0	97.4e	2.54
110.6	86.5	Do Accum	113.0	117.0	2.54
184.7	118.1	Income (2)	177.5	186.3	7.02
261.9	165.3	Do Accum	260.2	272.4	7.02
82.7	58.0	General (2)	76.1	78.3e	3.54
100.0	68.7	Do Accum	99.6	97.7	3.54
27.8	27.8	Europe (25)	27.0	28.1	1.80
28.9	28.7	Do Accum	28.3	30.3	1.80
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
54.5	37.5	Equitable (2)	49.1	52.3	5.30
66.4	40.1	Do Accum	55.1	58.7	5.30
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
58.8	38.7	American Fnd	53.7	57.1	1.76
132.4	88.1	Brit Cap Fnd	128.5	139.0	3.70
		Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
205.70	109.30	Exempt Eq (35)	£201.50	211.00	4.36
92.7	75.2	Family Fund	88.5	94.2	3.75
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
34.5	28.0	Commodity	32.8	34.9e	4.49
63.7	49.9	Financial	59.7	64.9	4.36
40.9	31.0	Equity	38.3	41.2e	5.81
219.8	144.2	Exempt	207.3	214.8	6.01
285.4	183.2	Do Accum (3)	274.9	284.9	6.01
32.4	25.0	Growth	29.3	31.5	4.59
132.1	88.0	Gilt Fund	121.7	126.1	3.00
27.2	23.9	International	22.7	24.4	2.18
31.8	25.2	Do Re-invest	24.8	26.7	2.18
29.8	23.6	Investment	28.3	30.3	3.83
163.5	118.9	Professional (3)	152.5	163.7e	4.36
30.3	19.7	Income	29.1	31.3	8.11
15.0	13.8	Preference	14.7	15.3	10.79
21.3	17.5	Coyne Growth	19.0	20.0	3.93
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
28.6	21.8	Eagle	22.4	24.1e	3.42
43.7	33.3	Thistle	40.3	43.3e	5.78
60.8	46.0	Extra Income	60.8	65.4	9.73
		TSB Unit Trusts. 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
46.2	34.2	General	43.8	46.9e	3.68
57.8	41.7	Do Accum	55.5	59.4	3.68
62.4	50.2	Income	59.4	63.2e	7.10
70.4	56.2	Do Accum	69.8	74.5	7.10
79.6	68.3	Scottish	73.9	79.1	2.74
83.0	66.8	Do Accum	78.4	83.5	2.74
		Transatlantic & General Securities. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
79.3	57.5	Barbican (4)	76.8	81.2	5.82
118.1	82.3	Do Accum	114.3	120.8	5.82
83.9	73.5	Buckingham (4)	75.5	79.6	4.13
100.7	86.5	Do Accum	91.6	96.9	4.13
127.4	84.2	Colemco	120.7	127.1	5.12
151.3	107.6	Do Accum	143.3	150.9	5.12
60.0	46.0	Cumberland Fnd	53.4	55.8	6.51
62.7	46.8	Do Accum	56.0	58.6	6.51
63.2	40.5	Glen Fund (2)	51.6	55.0	5.60
68.1	49.3	Do Accum	63.0	69.3	5.60
51.4	43.3	Marlborough	46.0	48.3	2.19
57.4	54.0	Do Accum	51.9	54.6	2.19
53.4	37.9	Vang Growth (2)	47.1	49.8	3.41
63.8	46.3	Do Accum	57.4	60.6	3.41
71.8	51.0	Vang High Yield	70.6	74.4	7.41
46.6	44.9	Vang Trustee	42.9	44.9e	6.13
50.6	44.9	Do Accum	49.3	48.8	6.13
62.5	47.8	Wickmoor	59.4	62.8	3.03
72.7	55.4	Do Accum	69.1	72.8	3.03
70.5	45.7	Do Dividend	66.7	69.9	8.16
76.1	49.2	Do Div Acc	73.7	77.2	8.16
		See also Grieveson Management Co Ltd.			
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
104.8	75.4	Income (3)	96.4	101.4	7.69
182.1	126.8	Do Accum (3)	171.2	175.4	7.69
127.8	92.2	Capital (3)	117.6	123.6e	4.21
174.8	124.2	Do Accum (3)	163.4	171.6	4.21
100.2	70.6	Canynge Fnd (3)	94.4	99.2	5.60
122.3	86.0	Do Accum (3)	116.0	121.8	5.60
113.4	78.8	Exempt* (40)	108.0	113.6	7.19
154.4	100.0	Do Accum (40)	149.0	156.6	7.19
232.4	150.4	Int Earn Fnd (3)	226.6	236.2	3.33
281.5	202.4	Do Accum (3)	275.0	286.8	3.33
140.2	96.2	Scot Cap (3)	137.0	142.8	4.89
162.0	83.8	Do Accum (3)	153.2	161.0	4.89
160.6	96.2	Scot Inc (3)	158.8	166.6	8.67
		London Wall Group.			
81.8	41.0	Capital Growth	80.4	86.0	5.09
36.8	22.3	Extra Income	36.8	39.5	8.64
41.0	21.1	Do Accum	41.0	44.0	8.64
17.3	9.5	Fin Priority	17.3	18.5	4.32
20.7	10.9	Do Accum	20.7	22.2	4.32
62.5	33.7	B Inc Priority	61.1	65.9e	7.59
25.3	24.6	International	26.6	28.4	4.94
29.9	14.2	Special Sits	29.9	31.9	4.70
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-6 Mincing Lane, EC3R 7BU. 01-623 4951			
150.0	100.0	Friars Hse Fnd	144.0	152.0e	4.47
18.4	14.0	Gt Winchester	18.1	19.7e	7.72
18.7	17.0	Do Overseas	18.6	20.3e	5.28

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1977-78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd. 1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
36.8	28.3	Equity Fund (3)	34.2	36.1	..
30.7	22.3	Do Accum (3)	28.8	30.4	..
138.7	128.8	Prop Fund (27)	138.7	146.0	..
144.5	130.9	Do Accum (27)	144.5	152.2	..
83.9	70.4	Select Fund (3)	83.2	87.6	..
127.5	118.8	Conv Fund	127.5	134.3	..
118.6	116.8	Money Fund	118.6	124.9	..
161.9	143.0	Pension Prop (27)	161.9	170.5	..
163.2	27.6	Do Equity	150.2	158.2	..
79.8	65.3	Do Select (3)	78.3	82.4	..
131.2	123.9	Do Security	131.2	138.2	..
169.7	135.7	Do Managed	167.7	176.6	..
33.8	28.8	Equity Series 4	31.9	33.6	..
119.6	108.4	Prop Series 4	119.6	125.9	..
109.0	105.2	Conv Series 4	109.0	114.8	..
107.2	105.7	Money Series 4	107.2	112.9	..
128.6	104.2	Man Series 4	127.2	133.9	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd. 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
177.1	125.2	Equity Fnd Acc	174.1	183.2	..
140.1	116.0	Fixed Int Acc	138.7	146.0	..
112.4	111.3	Guar Mon Acc	112.4	118.3	..
99.6	99.0	Int Man Fnd Acc	96.7	101.7	..
109.8	105.9	Prop Fnd Acc	105.9	111.5	..
160.8	126.4	Multi Inv Acc	158.5	166.8	..
207.4	134.7	Eq Pen Fnd Acc	203.2	213.9	..
174.4	128.9	Fixed I Pen Acc	173.3	182.4	..
125.5	119.5	Guar M Pen Acc	125.5	132.0	..
102.0	90.7	Int Man Pen Fnd	102.2	107.5	..
118.5	114.4	Prop Pen Acc	118.5	124.7	..
193.3	137.0	Multi I Pen Acc	192.3	202.4	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd. Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
131.3	108.8	AMEV Man Bnd	128.3	135.1	..
111.8	94.0	Do 'B'	109.5	115.3	..
103.2	100.7	Do Money Fnd	103.2	108.6	..
99.4	100.0	Flexiplan	99.4	104.6	..
103.0	100.0	Man Pen Fnd	101.7	107.2	..
102.3	100.0	Man Pen 'B' Fnd	102.3	108.1	..
		Arrow Life Assurance. 30 Uxbridge Rd, London, W12. 01-749 9111			
97.7	62.2	Sel Market Fnd	97.7	102.9	..
61.5	39.1	Do Capital	61.5	65.1	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544			
121.1	99.2	Barclaybonds	116.7	122.9	..
112.6	98.6	Equity 'B' Bond	110.2	116.0	..
119.7	108.9	Gilt Edge 'B' Bnd	115.0	121.1	..
119.0	100.0	Prop 'B' Bond	97.2	102.4	..
107.0	99.8	Man 'B' Bond	105.5	111.1	..
100.6	99.6	Money 'B' Bond	97.0	102.2	..
100.6	96.5	Man Pen Acc	98.5	103.7	..
90.7	96.8	Do Initial	97.5	102.7	..
106.6	99.0	Gilt E Pen Acc	96.5	101.6	..
99.6	96.7	Do Initial	97.4	102.6	..
98.5	100.0	Money Pen Acc	97.0	102.1	..
97.6	100.0	Do Initial	96.0	101.0	..
		Beehive Life Assurance. 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
132.5	102.8	Black Horse Bnd	..	132.5	..
		Canada Life Assurance. 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
66.8	46.1	Equity Grwth	..	59.3	..
121.0	99.5	Retirement	..	116.5	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
17.00	12.73	Equity Units	£16.44	..	..
145.0	122.0	Prop Units	149.0	..	..
11.20	8.55	Eqty Bn Exec	£11.03	11.77	..
12.80	10.63	Prop Bn Exec	£12.50	13.20	..
12.79	10.25	Bal Bn Exec	£12.76	13.00	..
109.8	100.0	Dep Bnd	109.3	115.1	..
114.0	123.0	Equity Acc	168.0	..	..
11.71	10.38	Prop Acc	£11.71	..	..
1.540	1.251	Man Acc	1.515	..	..
94.5	91.6	2nd Equity	90.6	95.9	..
95.0	100.0	2nd Prop	98.0	103.7	..
95.1	94.7	2nd Man	94.8	100.3	..
95.4	100.0	2nd Dep	95.4	101.0	..
98.4	96.2	2nd Gilt	94.9	100.4	..
94.5	91.6	2nd Equ Pen Acc	90.6	95.9	..
100.3	100.0	2nd Prp Pen Acc	100.3	106.1	..
96.5	96.7	2nd Man Pen Acc	96.2	101.5	..
95.6	100.0	2nd Dep Pen Acc	95.5	101.0	..
98.5	98.2	2nd Gilt Pen Acc	95.0	100.5	..
37.5	33.6	L & E SIF	37.5	40.0	..
27.5	21.0	L & E SIF 2nd	26.5	28.0	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month			
115.1	93.7	1st Units	115.1	120.8	..
51.6	47.5	Prop Units	51.6	54.1	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664. Valuation last working day of month.			
56.1	50.4	West Prop Fund	55.9	58.8	..
167.4	126.3	Managed Fund	167.4	176.2	..
58.1	53.3	Equity Fnd	57.8	60.8	..
68.5	50.8	Farmland Fund	68.6	72.1	..
119.3	118.5	Money Fund	119.3	125.5	..
67.5	50.2	Gilt Fnd	66.0	69.4	..
170.5	135.2	PULA	170.5	173.9	..
		Funds currently closed to new investments.			
38.8	30.1	Speculator	..	31.4	..
202.0	130.7	Performance	..	193.0	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	..	100.0	..
		Commercial Union Group. St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
54.9	38.3	Variable An Acc	..	52.2	..
18.0	13.3	Do Annuity	..	17.9	..
		Cornhill Insurance. 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month.			
121.0	81.5	Capital Fnd	..	118.5	..
50.5	24.0	GS Special	..	49.0	..
170.5	125.0	Man Grwth (23)	164.5	173.5	..
		Crown Life-Fund Insurance Co. Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
159.5	103.0	Crown Brit Inv	..	154.1	..
		Crusader Insurance. Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 2nd Tuesday of month.			
65.9	63.0	Crusader Prop	65.9	72.0	..
		Drummond Assurance Society. 13 Nottingham Place, London, W1. 01-487 5582			
32.7	26.2	Fund A	30.6	32.3	..
29.3	26.2	Fund B	26.5	27.9	..
34.7	26.2	Fund C	31.6	33.3	..
31.8	26.2	Fund D	28.6	30.1	..
27.3	26.2	Fund E	27.3	28.8	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance. 1, Threadneedle St, EC2. 01-588 1212			
55.1	39.8	Eagle/Midland	50.9	52.8	5.80
		Equity & Law Life Assurance Society Ltd. Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 33377			
115.8	100.0	Equity Fnd	108.7	114.4	..
101.8	99.5	Property Fnd	101.5	106.8	..
113.5	96.6	Fixed Int Fnd	112.1	118.0	..
97.5	100.0	Guar Dep Fnd	97.5	102.6	..
110.2	100.0	Mixed Fnd	107.2	112.8	..
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. Surrey Street, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603-693341			
27.5	28.2	Flexible Inv	27.2	28.7	..
44.1	40.4	American Grwth	38.3	40.4	..
56.8	51.9	Trust of Trusts	56.3	59.3	..
		Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd. 65 Grosvenor St, London W1. 01-493 1484			
32.9	28.0	Managed Fnd	32.4	34.2	..
102.3	101.4	Do Capital	101.5	106.9	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
157.4	141.6	Property Bond	157.4	163.9	..
168.2	113.2	Pen Man Bonds	168.2	177.0	..
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
123.4	115.2	Fixed Int Fnd	123.4	129.9	..
172.4	127.8	Equity	165.6	174.4	..
137.3	107.4	Managed Cap	132.3	139.3e	..
163.6	126.2	Do Accum	162.5	171.1	..
156.5	137.0	Property	153.8	161.9	..
125.1	87.9	Overseas Fnd	114.3	120.4	..
124.3	100.6	Gilt Edged Acc	123.8	130.4	..
126.2	125.1	Pen FI Cap	126.2	132.9	..
144.9	138.4	Do Accum	144.9	152.6	..
195.3	171.4	Pen Prop Cap	195.2	205.5	..
247.5	209.5	Do Accum	247.5	260.6	..
208.6	156.9	Pen Man Cap	204.6	215.4	..
257.3	181.7	Do Accum	255.9	269.4	..
130.3	101.3	Do Gilt Edge	130.3	137.2	..
135.1	104.4	Do Accum	135.1	142.3	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.1	34.3	Property Bond	35.1	37.1	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
142.4	130.0	Property Units	142.4	149.9	..
96.4	100.0	Do Series A	96.4	101.5	..
163.4	126.6	Managed Units	156.8	163.1	..
96.6	94.9	Do Series C	93.7	97.6	..
96.6	94.7	Do Series C	91.7	96.5	..
118.2	118.4	Money Units	118.2	124.5	..
95.3	97.8	Do Series A	96.8	100.9	..
96.3	97.5	Fixed Int Ser A	94.0	99.0	..
147.8	102.7	Pens Man Cap	148.6	154.4	..
154.4	102.7	Pens Man Acc	152.3	160.4	..
104.2	101.0	Pens Gtd Cap	104.3	109.7	..
108.2	101.2	Pens Gtd Acc	108.2	113.9	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
79.8	53.1	Hodge Bonds	75.0	78.9	..
74.3	69.9	Takeover	72.1	75.8	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada. Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
71.1	54.5	Growth Fnd (5)	70.7	76.8	..
67.2	45.1	Pension Fnd	66.3	72.1	..
		Unit Linked Portfolio			
95.1	98.8	Man Fund	95.1	100.1	..
95.0	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Secure Cap Fd	95.0	100.0	..
97.0	100.0	Equity Fund	95.0	100.0	..
		For Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd. see Schroder Life Group.			
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
165.4	155.0	Prop Modules	165.4	174.1	..
179.2	162.7	Do Growth (31)	179.2	188.6	..
217.4	163.0	Managed Fnd	214.7	226.0	..
71.6	59.6	Blue Chip Fnd	69.2	72.9	5.00
		Langham Life Assurance. Langham Hse, Holmbrook Dr, NW4. 01-203 5211			
138.9	127.3	Property Bond	138.9	146.2	..
74.3	65.6	WISP (SpecMan)	74.3	78.2	..
63.8	64.1	Langham A Plan	63.8	67.1	..
		Legal & General (Unit Assurance) Ltd. Kingswood Hse, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6EU. Burgh Heath 53456			
99.2	100.0	Cash Initial	95.3	100.4	..
96.3	100.0	Do Accum	95.7	100.8	..
118.6	100.0	Equity Initial	117.2	123.4	..
119.1	100.0	Do Accum	117.7	123.9	..
115.1	100.0	Fixed Initial	114.3	120.3	..
115.3	100.0	do Accum	115.3	121.4	..
117.0	100.0	Man Initial	116.6	122.8	..
117.4	100.0	Do Accum	117.1	123.3	..
95.3	100.0	Prop Initial	95.2	100.3	..
95.6	100.0	Do Accum	95.6	100.7	..
		Legal and General (Unit Pensions) Ltd.			
95.0	100.0	Ex Cash Init	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Ex Equ Init	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Ex Fix Init	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Ex Man Init	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Ex Prop Init	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Accum	95.0	100.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
131.8	88.2	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	130.1	..
128.5	91.4	Opt 5 Equity	120.3	126.7	..
124.4	118.4	Do Property	122.4	128.8	..
159.7	127.4	Do High Yield	158.8	167.0	..
144.0	114.2	Do Managed	141.7	149.3	..
119.7	116.3	Do Deposit	119.7	126.0	..
137.8	131.5	Pen Dep Fnd	137.6	144.9	..
267.2	183.5	Do Equity Fnd	269.8	284.1	..
193.5	143.7	Do FI Fnd	193.5	203.7	..
204.3	149.3	Do Man Fnd	204.3	215.1	..
132.0	127.5	Do Prop Fnd	132.0	139.0	..
		The London & Manchester Group. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
214.6	124.7	Capital Grwth	..	214.2	..
111.1	71.3	Flexible Fnd	..	107.9	..
135.4	76.7	Inv Fnd	..	127.4	..
79.8	59.9	Prop Fnd	..	79.8	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
53.6	31.5	Manulife (5)	41.4	43.5	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
126.8	120.1	Conv Dep Bnd	..	126.8	..
136.3	124.7	Do Pension	..	136.3	..
63.7	44.0	Equity Bond	..	59.3	..
180.2	120.9	Do Pension	..	168.9	..
106.3	61.1	Managed Bond	..	104.0	..
135.9	100.9	Do Pension	..	134.1	..
149.3	113.9	Money Market	..	145.8	..
192.7	137.2	Do Pension	..	187.2	..
143.8	118.8	Property Bond	..	142.8	..
147.0	119.9	Do Pension	..	147.0	..
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
129.5	101.5	Equity Bond (4)	126.7	133.1	..
80.8	63.0	Do Bonus	74.9	78.7	..
79.2	50.7	Extra Yld Bond	77.4	81.4	..
108.0	104.1	Gilt Fund	107.9	113.4	..
87.8	84.8	Int'l Bnd (4)	83.5	87.8	..
155.8	99.1	Family Bnd 78/80	152.5	..	..
171.9	122.8	Do 1981/86	167.1	..	..
125.1	115.1	Managed Bonds	123.8	129.0	..
53.9	44.3	Mirror Bonds	..	50.5	..
204.8	152.7	Pers Pen (5)	..	204.8	..
147.7	132.5	Prop Fnd (4)	147.7	155.2	..
50.0	43.7	American Bnd	42.0	44.3	..
50.0	41.9	Japan Bnd	40.7	42.8	..
60.7	49.8	Recovery Bnd	60.5	63.6	..
		N.E.L. Pensions Ltd. Milton Court, Dorking, Surrey. 0306 5911			
84.7	77.4	Nelex Eq Cap	79.6	83.7	..
117.8	86.0	Do Accum	112.1	117.9	..
62.3	52.2	Do Money Cap	62.3	65.5	..
64.5	50.4	Do Money Acc	64.5	67.8	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
219.7	180.1	Norwich Man	210.9	222.0	..
330.3	289.6	Do Equity	335.0	352.6	..
120.5	113.9	Do Property	120.5	126.8	..
164.9	119.4	Do Fixed Int	161.7	170.2	..
101.8	102.1	Do Deposit	101.8	107.1	..
205.7	103.6	Do Units (35)	..	205.3	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd. 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
110.8	99.5	Equity Fnd	110.5	116.4	..
112.0	100.0	Managed Fnd	112.0	117.9	..
120.8	112.2	Prop Acc Units	120.8	127.2	..
110.6	107.5	Prop Dist Units	110.6	116.7	..
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
108.3	94.3	Wealth Assured	105.0	110.7	..
72.1	51.9	Ebor Phx Ass (31)	..	69.6	..
71.6	56.4	Ebor Phx Eq (32)	70.7	74.2	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
169.3	145.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	..	169.3	..
72.2	70.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	..	72.2	..
107.5	102.8	Do Series (2)	..	107.2	..
78.6	63.8	Do Managed	..	73.6	..
77.2	52.7	Do Equity Bnd	..	69.9	..
157.1	130.6	Do Flex Mny	..	155.8	..
		Property Growth Assurance. Leon Hse, Croydon, CR0 1LU. 01-680 0606			
170.0	145.7	Prop Grwth (29)	..	170.0	..
165.9	145.6	Do (A)	..	165.9	..
695.1	554.9	AG Bond (29)	..	685.1	..
680.8	553.3	Do (A)	..	680.6	..
149.2	126.6	Abb Nat PG (29)	..	149.2	..
148.1	126.6	Do (A)	..	143.1	..
67.2	53.7	Investment (29)	..	68.1	..
65.0	53.6	Do (A)	..	65.9	..
184.3	126.2	Equity Fnd	..	169.3	..
177.4	136.8	Do (A)	..	168.9	..
136.4	121.1	Money Fnd	..	136.4	..
135.8	120.6	Do (A)	..	135.8	..
108.8	101.8	Actuarial Fund	..	108.8	..
127.5	103.3	Gilt Edged	..	127.5	..
128.1	103.9	Do A	..	127.9	..
170.3	147.6	Ret Annuity (29)	..	170.3	..
137.0	113.5	Immed Ann (33)	..	137.0	..
		Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.			
134.7	93.4	All-Weather Ac	128.9	135.7	..
124.4	90.1	Do Capital	124.4	131.0	..
143.1	98.1	Investment Fnd	..	135.0	..
125.4	113.2	Pension Fnd	..	125.4	..
129.1	112.1	Conv Pen Fnd	..	129.4	..
128.8	117.2	Do Pen Cap	..	128.8	..
146.6	124.1	Man Pen Fnd	..	144.3	..
137.5	119.0	Do Pen Cap	..	134.7	..
139.5	121.8	Prop Pen Fnd	..	139.6	..
132.6	116.6	Do Pen Cap	..	132.5	..
129.8	113.2	Bldg Soc Pen	..	128.2	..
117.5	108.3	Do Capital	..	117.5	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
24.99	16.27	Equity	£23.97	24.82	..
19.59	13.36	Fixed Int	£19.59	19.85	..
23.83	18.87	Property	£23.83	24.80	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
192.1	164.0	Rel Prop Bnd	..	192.1	..
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
119.1	107.4	Balanced Bond	115.5	125.4	..
124.1	104.0	Gilt Fnd	122.9	129.4	..
142.8	122.4	Prop Fnd (30)	142.8	151.2	..
		Schroder Life Group. Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
229.3	153.9	Equity Fnd (24)	221.6	..	..
221.0	165.4	Equity 2	204.3	217.4	..
120.5	103.7	Equity 3 (2)	114.3	120.3	..
147.2	123.1	Fixed Int (2)	144.1	151.7	..
158.6	134.6	Fixed Int 3 (2)	154.1	162.3	..
120.3	114.3	Int UT (2)	109.1	114.9	..
136.3	120.5	K & S Gilt (2)	134.2	141.3	..
123.3	112.5	K & S Gvt Sec (2)	129.4	132.2	..
134.6	103.7	Man Flex (2)	126.5	133.2	..
143.5	120.0	Managed 3 (2)	130.3	136.4	..
105.5	105.8	Money Fund (2)	106.3	112.0	..
115.4	115.9	Money Fnd 3 (2)	115.4	121.5	..
113.2	106.1	Deposit Bnd (2)	111.9	117.8	..
144.7	127.5	Property Fnd (2)	144.7	152.4	..
142.6	121.1	Property 3 (2)	142.6	150.1	..
117.6	108.9	B S Pen Cap (2)	117.6	..	..
126.1	116.5	B S Pen Acc (2)	126.1	..	..
197.7	149.2	Man Pen Cap (2)	190.1	200.2	..
229.1	168.4	Man Pen Acc (2)	220.4	232.2	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance. PO Box 902, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000			
102.8	77.3	Inv Policy	99.9	99.9	..
100.2	77.2	Do Series (2)	94.5	99.9	..
		Solar Life Assurance Limited. 107 Cheapside, London, EC2 8DU. 01-606 0471			
129.0	100.0	Solar Managed s	127.4	134.2	..
104.7	100.0	Do Property s	104.7	110.3	..
160.0	99.1	Do Equity s	159.2	168.5	..
122.4	100.0	Do Fixed Int s	121.0	127.4	..
99.8	100.0	Do Cash s	99.8	105.0	..
128.9	100.8	Solar Managed p	127.3	134.0	..
104.5	100.0	Do Property p	104.5	110.1	..
160.6	99.7	Do Equity p	159.0	168.3	..
122.3	100.0	Do Fixed Int p	120.8	127.2	..
98.7	100.0	Do Cash p	98.7	103.9	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co. PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
111.8	81.3	Unit Endowm't	..	108.7	..
		Sun Alliance Fund Management Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
159.40	115.30	Ex Fix Int (39)	£159.40	165.20	..
13.00	9.59	Int Bond	..	9.99	..
		Sun Alliance Linked Life Insurance Ltd. Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
100.9	100.0	Equity Fund	100.8	106.2	..
98.7	100.0	Fixed Int Fund	98.7	103.5	..
95.8	100.0	Property Fund	95.5	100.6	..
95.0	85.2	Int Fund	85.7	90.3	..
95.2	100.0	Deposit Fund	95.2	100.3	..
99.6	98.7	Managed Fund	96.2	101.3	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
139.1	103.4	Managed (5)	..	135.8	..
210.3	133.3	Growth (5)	..	194.8	..
133.1	95.9	Equity (5)	..	124.3	..
206.2	143.7	Personal Pen (5)	..	200.6	..
		Target Life Assurance. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
102.2	100.0	Deposit Inc	97.0	102.4	..
114.8	105.7	Fixed Interest	120.3	116.8	..
117.2	102.0	Man Fnd Acc	116.3	122.3	..
100.2	90.6	Do Income	97.3	103.0	..
99.0	98.0	Prop Bnd Inv	..	99.0	..
102.6	95.3	Do Income	102.6	108.7	..
126.0	106.0	Do Accum	..	126.0	..
63.5	48.8	Ret Ann Pen Cap	60.0	63.3	..
76.7	56.9	Do Accum	72.3	76.9	..
135.1	105.4	Ret Plan Acc	120.9	127.2	..
129.6	102.7	Do Do Cap	112.9	118.9	..
142.3	98.6	Gilt Pen Acc	139.4	147.7	..
140.8	95.0	Gilt Pen Cap	134.1	141.5	..
		Trident Life. Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
121.3	103.9	Trident Man	119.6	126.2	..
155.8	126.9	Do Guar Man	152.7	161.7	..
143.1	119.8	Do Property	143.1	151.6	..
83.5	79.9	Do Equity Am	78.5	83.1	..
113.7	98.5	Do UK Equity	107.0	113.3	..
142.1	117.0	Do High Yield	141.9	150.1	..
130.00	106.90	Gilt Edged (1)	127.20	134.70	..
120.2	119.8	Do Money	120.2	126.7	..
111.8	98.3	Do Int Fnd	93.0	95.5	..
113.8	115.8	Do Fiscal Fnd	129.3	133.9	..
36.0	32.5	Do Bonds	35.7	37.7	..
104.8	87.7	Do GI Bonds	..	101.5	..
130.4	95.0	Trident Growth	124.3	130.9	..
131.3	95.0	Do Accum	130.7	138.4	..
119.4	108.0	Pen Man Cap	113.8	120.2	..
116.1	100.0	Do Accum	116.1	123.0	..
100.2	100.0	Do Guar Dep	100.2	106.2	..
102.6	100.0	Do Accum	102.6	108.7	..
108.6	100.0	Do Pen Prop	108.6	115.1	..
112.2	100.0	Do Accum	112.2	118.8	..
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
168.2	134.2	Bond Fnd (40)	..	168.2	..
131.6	113.0	Equity Fnd (40)	..	131.6	..
100.4	93.8	Prop Fnd (40)	..	100.4	..
120.2	95.8	3 Way Fnd (40)	..	120.2	..
65.4	61.0	O'seas Inv (40)	..	61.8	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd. 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
238.1	159.6	Equity Fnd	225.2	237.1	..
175.4	143.3	Fixed Int Fnd	167.4	176.8	..
138.2	118.2	Property Fnd	136.4	142.6	..
115.9	115.0	Cash Fund	115.9	122.1	..
94.7	96.4	Internat'l Fnd	94.2	98.7	..
143.8	117.1	Managed Fnd	141.5	149.0	..
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
102.7	74.6	Money Maker	..	100.8	..
		See also "The London & Manchester Group."			

Offshore and International Funds

1977-78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Arbuthnot Securities (CI) Ltd. PO Box 284, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 72177			
121.0	64.0	Capital Trust	121.0	125.0	3.50
116.0	107.0	Eastern Int	105.0	112.0	3.36
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 74806			
97.7	68.7	Europ'n Sec Tst	87.7	92.6	2.56
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd. 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73741			
58.8	44.9	Jer Guer O'seas	51.3	53.8e	5.20
10.9	10.2	Unidollar Tst	$10.0	10.5	4.60
		Barclays Unicorn International (IOM) Ltd. 1 Thomas St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 4856			
47.0	39.4	Unicorn Aus Ext	39.8	41.8e	2.10
28.2	23.0	Do Aus Min	23.1	24.9	2.40
48.3	37.9	Do Int Income	39.5	41.4	8.40
53.9	40.3	Do Isle of Man	48.6	51.1e	8.10
24.0	23.1	Do Manx Mut	22.5	24.3	3.30
57.8	45.7	Do Great Pac	54.6	58.7	..
		Britannia Trust Managers (CI) Ltd. 30 Bath St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73114			
33.4	22.8	Growth (1)	32.9	35.5e	4.40
65.5	54.8	Int Fnd (1)	61.0	65.5e	1.00
139.0	138.3	Jersey En (1)	139.2	151.0e	1.50
83.1	61.3	Worldwide (1)	79.7	85.4	1.50
5.96	4.96	Univ $ Tst (3)	5.23	5.51	..
242.0	200.0	Do Sting (3)	230.0	242.0	1.00
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
10.53	7.44	Bullock Fnd	$7.83	8.00a	2.31
613.0	447.0	Canadian Fnd	456.0	472.0a	2.44
329.0	248.0	Canadian Inv	250.0	256.0e	2.98
254.0	170.0	Div Shares	175.0	182.0e	2.54
9.36	7.03	N.Y. Venture	$7.43	7.60	1.21
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.30	30.00	Adiropa	DM 30.20	31.90	5.66
47.90	45.80	Adiverba	DM 47.80	50.30	5.37
32.00	30.50	Fondak	DM 31.70	33.30	6.01
23.20	20.90	Fondis	DM 20.30	21.40	6.67
49.02	43.80	Hispano	$44.80	47.06	1.95
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
163.0	138.8	Int Man Fnd (20)	163.0	177.5	..
		Cult Calsem & Associates. 42 Essex St, WC2. 01-353 6845			
71.05	64.99	Pan Am O'seas $	..	67.67	..
		First General Unit Managers. 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 680089			
64.8	48.7	Bnk I Ist Gen (3)	64.3	69.3e	4.11
158.5	120.5	Do Gilt (2)	157.6	162.6	9.00
		Gartmore Investment Management Ltd. Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IOM. 23911			
22.3	17.4	Int Income (3)	21.4	22.8	11.30
56.0	45.7	Do Growth (10)	54.8	58.3	5.31
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd. PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
152.5	110.9	Channel Isle	140.0	149.0	3.80
		Hill Samuel (CI) Trust Co Ltd. PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 27381			
129.0	72.4	Channel Isle	120.3	126.6	2.52
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd. Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda.			
1.98	1.67	Bishopsgate N A S	1.96	2.09	..
		Kleinwort Benson Ltd. 20 Fenchurch Street EC3. 01-623 8000			
1,050	968.00	Eurinvest Lux F	..	1,013	4.94
62.4	55.5	Guernsey Inc.	57.8	61.6	4.23
75.2	65.9	Do Accum	70.4	75.1	4.23
9.59	9.22	KB Far E $US	..	9.55	1.37
11.81	10.59	KB Int Fd $US	..	10.54	1.90
26.77	23.14	KB Jap Fd $US	..	25.53	0.63
10.71	9.96	KB US Gth $US	..	10.71	..
4.58	4.19	Signet Berm $US	..	4.30	1.66
		KB act as London Paying agents only.			
20.10	16.50	Unifonds (DM)	18.45	19.40	8.76
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
111.8	86.9	Island Fnd †	111.4	118.6	3.30
158.3	109.5	Do Accum †	155.6	165.7	3.30
2.55	2.01	Atlantic Exp	$2.47	2.70	..
1.85	1.44	Aust & Gen	$1.75	1.98	..
		Neptune International Fund Managers. 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73741			
28.1	19.7	Int Fund (34)	20.8	21.5e	6.51
		Old Court Commodity Fund Managers Ltd. PO Box 58, St Julian's Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26741			
130.6	121.4	Old Ct Comm	125.1	132.9	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd. PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
62.2	42.8	Old Ct Eqty (34)	49.6	52.5	2.58
170.9	101.9	Income Fund	159.5	169.0	8.45
100.3	85.0	Do Int (35)	90.2	85.0e	..
143.5	93.4	Do Small Co's	134.7	143.2	3.31
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown, IOM. 0624 823745			
118.5	94.6	Brit Conv Tst	115.7	122.1	7.55
81.5	62.0	Cap Sec'd Nes	81.5	85.5	6.59
97.8	92.4	Manx Ex Fnd	96.5	101.1	6.91
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 345			
119.7	115.1	Gib Int Tst	90.2	120.0	..
99.0	96.0	Key City Inv	83.5	89.0	..
64.7	43.7	Warrant Fnd	61.5	65.3	..
		Property Growth Overseas. 28 Irish Town, Gibraltar. (Gib) 6106			
102.90	88.91	US Dollar Fnd	$..	89.51	..
128.45	104.40	Sterling Fnd	£..	128.45	..
		Save & Prosper International. Dealg, 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
9.85	9.87	Dollar Fxd Int	$9.29	9.87e	7.09
8.29	6.17	Int Growth	$8.06	8.58	..
33.99	33.20	Far Eastern	$32.06	34.65	..
3.63	3.64	N. American	$3.38	3.66	..
13.81	13.65	Sepro	$13.67	13.86	..
233.6	184.3	Channel Cap	£217.3	229.0e	1.74
149.6	100.7	Channel Isles	£147.8	155.2e	4.80
145.0	122.0	Commodity	121.2	130.2	..
128.6	111.1	St Fixed Int	122.7	129.8	10.71
		Schroder Life Group. Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
		International Funds			
116.4	107.9	£ Equity	101.9	108.4	..
115.3	107.8	$ Equity	112.8	120.0	..
140.3	122.5	£ Fixed Int	140.7	149.6	..
103.3	103.8	$ Fixed Int	101.7	108.1	..
124.5	121.9	£ Managed	121.3	129.0	..
108.8	111.4	$ Managed	107.2	114.0	..
		Surinvest (Jersey) Ltd. PO Box 96, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 73673			
10.23	6.78	Amer Ind Trust	6.78	6.93	1.45
13.33	10.28	Copper Trust	10.10	10.30	..
9.77	0.80	Japan Index Tst	8.43	8.60	..
		Surinvest Trust Managers Ltd. 58 Athol St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 23914			
112.2	96.8	The Silver Tst	97.6	99.9	..
		Tyndall Group (Bermuda). PO Box 1256, Hamilton 5, Bermuda. 2-2760			
1.14	1.03	O'seas Dist (3)	$0.98	1.03e	6.00
1.61	1.14	Do Accum (3)	$1.51	1.60	..
2.47	2.43	3 Way Int (40)	$2.47	2.60	..
		Tyndall Group (Isle of Man). Victory House, Douglas, IOM. 0624-25029			
125.8	92.8	Managed Fnd	125.8	132.6	..
		Tyndall Group (Jersey). 2 New Street, St Helier, Jersey. 0534-37331			
7.90	6.05	O'seas Ster (3)	£6.15	6.55e	6.00
10.50	10.15	Do Accum (3)	£9.55	10.15	..
117.6	95.2	Gilt Fnd Dist	115.4	117.6	10.20
143.8	104.4	Do Accum (3)	141.4	143.8	..
191.0	111.0	Jersey Fnd Dist	190.2	201.8	7.00
246.8	112.0	Do J Accum	245.0	260.4	..

e Ex dividend. * Not available in the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (9) Feb 1. (10) Jan 31. (14) Feb 1. (15) Feb 2. (16) Feb 7. (18) Feb 7. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Gilts ease slightly

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 16. Dealings End, Jan 27. § Contango Day, Jan 30. Settlement Day, Feb 7.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	99⅞	Treas 9%	100½	..	9.554	5.260
104⅝	97½	Treas 10½	102¾	..	10.244	5.080
100¼	90⅝	Exch 9½	1978-82 99⅝	..	9.552	5.650
107	98¼	Treas 11¾	1979 104⅛	..	10.979	7.035
97¼	84⅝	Treas 9½	1979 95¾	+⅛	9.146	5.260
98¼	85¼	Exc 9½	1978-79 95¾	..	4.615	0.657
106⅝	92⅝	Treas 10½	1979 104	..	10.086	8.007
97½	84½	Exc 9½	1978-79 95¾	..	3.668	6.244
106¾	87½	Treas Cnv 9½	1980 101¼	..	8.881	8.122
105¾	96½	Treas 9½	1980 102¾	..	9.232	5.811
96	83¼	Treas 9½	1977-80 94¾	+⅛	9.718	6.186
98¼	83⅝	Fund 9½	1978-80 95¾	..	9.812	7.489
112⅝	96⅝	Exch 12½	1980 108¾	+⅛	11.534	9.224
108¾	92⅝	Treas 11½	1981 106¾	+⅛	10.819	9.487
94½	77⅝	Treas 9½	1979-81 91¼	..	9.636	6.715
104	88¼	Treas 9½	1981 100⅜	..	9.583	9.490
97⅛	80¼	Exch 8¾	1981 93⅛	..	8.533	9.411
119⅛	97½	Treas 12½	1981 114⅝	..	9.998	9.536
95¾	81⅛	Exch 9½	1981 91¾	..	3.419	6.936
113⅜	96¼	Exch 12¼	1981 109½	..	11.645	9.709
100¾	83¼	Treas 9½	1980-82 97⅞	..	9.688	9.147
97¾	77⅜	Treas 9½	1982 95¾	+⅛	3.511	7.284
118⅝	101¼	Treas 14½	1982 114¾	..	12.274	9.752
98¼	93⅜	Treas 9½	1981 95¾	..	8.628	9.487
103¾	93⅜	Exch 9¾	1982 98⅛	..	9.373	9.698
87¾	81¼	Exch 9½	1981 91⅞	..	3.685	7.284
114¾	95⅛	Treas 13¾	1983 113⅞	..	10.995	9.685
101¾	89½	Treas 9¾	1983 93¾	..	9.444	9.750
98	72⅝	Fund 9½	1982-84 88¾	..	8.251	8.078
104¾	87⅝	Treas 9½	1984-86 95¾	..	9.222	9.254
87¾	67	Fund 6½	1983-87 86¾	..	7.684	8.963
95¾	68¾	Treas 9½	1985-88 88	..	8.804	9.644
139¾	98¾	Treas 13½	1978-88 87	..	2.86	3.79
111½	91	G L C 12½	1983 109¾	..	11.668	10.773
100	89¾	G of L 9½	1977-78 99¾	..	6.521	7.040
89¾	78¾	G of L 9½	80-82 87¾	..	7.403	9.954
104¾	87¾	As M 9½	1979-81 94¾	..	9.164	10.178
119¾	93¾	As M 12½	1981-83 109¾	..	10.665	11.398
95¾	72¾	As M 9½	1982-84 87¾	..	9.367	10.572
91¼	73¼	Belfast 9½	1977-80 91¼	..	7.101	10.053
94¾	84¾	Brighton 9½	1979-82 89	..	8.627	8.198
98¾	85	Camden 9½	1979-82 95¾	..	6.384	9.960
91¼	72⅜	Croydon 9½	1978-81 90	..	7.493	9.945
99¾	85¾	Edin 9½	1977-79 99	..	6.572	7.549
103	80	Glasgow 9½	1978-82 97¾	..	8.504	9.986
89	69	Leeds 9½	1978-80 89	..	6.761	7.191
101¾	96¼	Liverpl 12½	1981 109¾	..	12.139	10.965
92	75¾	Met Water B	34-02 33	..	9.414	11.095
89	78½	N I	79-80 89	..	7.298	13.098
95¾	80	N I	82-84 84	..	5.447	10.862
89¾	63	N I Elec 9½	81-83 87¾	..	7.803	10.941
95¾	76¾	Notts 9½	1978-80 95¾	..	6.771	9.960
97½	84	Shfeld 9½	1977-79 97½	..	5.381	7.328
95	80¾	Swark 9½	82-86 93½	..	8.200	9.823
94½	74¾	Surrey 9½	78-80 94	..	6.379	9.118

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Yield	P/E
101½	21¾	Aust 8½	78-79 101¼	..	8.397	6.621
104	21¾	Aust 9½	79-81 95¾	..	9.424	6.476
87¼	63¼	Aust 6½	81-83 85¾	..	7.099	9.045
95	67¼	Aust 7½	79-81 89	..	7.573	9.586
90	80	Chilean Mtged 9½	..	..	..	..
17¾	6¼	E Africa 3½	45-63 7¾	..	7.873	12.885
340	207	German 4½	1930 340	..	..	..
42	33¾	Hungary 4½	1924 40	..	..	..
69¾	49¾	Ireland 3½	21-53 68	..	..	..
38½	24¾	Jamaica 7½	1978-96 ..	..	..	..
361	225	Japan As 4½	1910 1.90	..	..	..
81	63	Japan 6½	63-98 81	..	..	..
78	63	Kenya 6½	78-82 78	..	6.254	11.970
98	69	Malaya 7½	78-82 84	..	8.863	12.080
98½	67	Do 6½	1948-68 98½	..	6.599	6.579
77	53¾	N Z 7½	78-82 73¾	..	9.862	10.565
98	69¾	N Z 6½	83-86 87¾	..	8.608	9.820
91	71	N Rhd 6½	78-81 89	..	6.739	10.444
91	71	S Rhd 6½	78-81 89	..	6.739	10.444
72	57	Do 6½	1951 72	..	..	..
85	62	S Africa 9½	78-81 84	..	..	..
70	50	S Rhd 6½	63-70 62	..	..	..
85	59	S Rhd 6½	67-82 57	..	..	..
84	61	S Rhd 6½	78-81 84	..	..	..
48	35	Spanish 4½	47	..	..	..
78½	67	Tanz 3½	78-82 94½	..	7.334	12.739
95	69	Uruguay 3½	93	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Yield	P/E
27	20¾	L C C 3½	1920 26	..	13.563	..
84½	64¼	L C C 5½	60-63 83½	..	6.587	9.133
83	73	L C C 5½	57-61 81¾	..	6.823	7.828
85¾	63	L C C 5½	52-54 83¾	..	6.644	9.103
84¾	63	L C C 5½	55-57 74	..	7.435	9.950
96¾	81¼	L C C 6½	78-79 96¾	..	6.513	8.378
15¾	9¾	L C C 4½	58-60 ..	..	8.777	10.062
83	63	G L C 6½	60-62 ..	..	9.412	10.691
100¾	83	G L C 6½	58-63 94	..	9.695	10.921
112¾	91	G L C 12½	1978-1985 ..	..	12.000	10.000
111½	91	G L C 12½	1983 109¾	..	11.668	10.773
100	89¾	G of L 9½	1977-78 99¾	..	6.521	7.040
89¾	78¾	G of L 9½	80-82 87¾	..	7.403	9.954
104¾	87¾	As M 9½	1979-81 94¾	..	9.164	10.178
119¾	93¾	As M 12½	1981-83 109¾	..	10.665	11.398
95¾	72¾	As M 9½	1982-84 87¾	..	9.367	10.572
91¼	73¼	Belfast 9½	1977-80 91¼	..	7.101	10.053
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101¾	96¼	Liverpl 12½	1981 109¾	..	12.139	10.965
92	75¾	Met Water B	34-02 33	..	9.414	11.095
89	78½	N I	79-80 89	..	7.298	13.098
95¾	80	N I	82-84 84	..	5.447	10.862
89¾	63	N I Elec 9½	81-83 87¾	..	7.803	10.941
95¾	76¾	Notts 9½	1978-80 95¾	..	6.771	9.960
97½	84	Shfeld 9½	1977-79 97½	..	5.381	7.328
95	80¾	Swark 9½	82-86 93½	..	8.200	9.823
94½	74¾	Surrey 9½	78-80 94	..	6.379	9.118

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
305	185	Alexs Discount	296	+5	22.0	7.5 56.0
365	350	Allen H & Hsg	510	..	44.5	9.1 9.1
148	70½	Allied Irish	141	..	10.106	7.1 6.1
195	109	Arb-Latham	168	..	14.3	8.5 11.5
237	152	ANZ Grp	236	+1	11.69	4.9 8.7
224	172½	Bank America	213	+5	18.6	8.7 11.9
263	209½	Bk of Ireland	252	..	20.16	8.0 6.1
21	18	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	11.2	58.7 1.7
210	170	Bk Lumni UK	178	..	11.2	6.6 14.9
340	270	Bk of NSW	305	+5	18.6	4.6 8.7
190	135	Bk of Scotland	175	..	16.5	9.2 8.3
250	214	Bnks Trst NY	234½	..	17.5	7.2 8.7
310	227	Barclays Bank	250	+3	16.4	4.7 8.7
210	115	Brown Shipley	210	..	14.0	6.7 7.8
335	255	Cater Ryder	312	+2	25.6	8.5 ..
19¾	17½	Chase Man	19½	..	114	5.8 9.3
23¾	13¾	Cmcorp	15¾	..	61.7	4.3 7.6
25	21¾	Clive Discount	25	..	2.0	8.0 ..
210	170	Com Bk of Aust	185	+2	10.3	5.6 8.6
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	125	..	9.3	8.6 ..
17¾	15¾	CC De France	15½	..	131	8.5 10.9
3½	¾	First Nat Fin	2¾	..	..	.. ..
12¾	7¾	Fraser Anhst	11¾	..	..	.. ..
210	130	Gerrard &Nat	195	+1	12.4	6.3 8.5
44	37	Gibbs A.	44	..	3.0	6.8 16.5
277	181½	Gillett Bros	250	..	23.4	9.3 11.6
265	145	Grindlays Hldgs	119	..	9.6	8.0 9.3
230	150	Guinness Peat	206	..	15.1	7.3 10.2
25	12	Hambros £10	19	..	144	8.0 ..
230	142	Do Ord	207	..	14.4	7.0 6.0
116	74	Hill Samuel	100	..	8.7	8.7 8.7
340½	223	Hong K & Shang	231	+5	7.79	3.1 21.6
54	54½	Jessel Toynbee	80	..	6.2	7.7 ..
150	116	Joseph L.	139	..	12.0	8.7 8.9
21	21	Kerwer Ultmann	47	..	2.5	5.3 ..
90	42	King & Shaxson	70	..	5.1	7.3 6.8
131	76	Kleinwort Ben	114	..	8.9	8.1 9.5
298	195	Lloyds Bank	253	..	13.2	4.5 8.9
210	162	Mercury Secs	190	+3	5.1	3.9 6.6
402	245	Midland	402	+3	20.6	5.1 6.9
43	29	Minster Assets	39½	+½	3.3b	9.0 8.7
240	168	Nat of Aust	190	..	8.7	4.5 7.6
81	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	80	-1	4.0	5.0 5.9
298	205	Nat Wminster	295	..	16.3	5.6 6.5
49	29	Ottoman	38	..	2.0	6.4 11.0
58	45	Rea Bros	53	..	3.8	7.2 12.5
21¼	14½	Royal of Can	15¾	..	68.6	4.3 12.3
430	290	Schroders	430	..	15.7	3.6 15.2
280	189½	Sorcombe Mar	280	..	18.7	6.7 7.4
140	58	Smith St Aubyn	94	..	7.3	7.7 ..
430	293	Standard Chart	425	..	27.6	6.5 8.1
315	265	Union Discount	275	+5	22.4	8.1 10.3
74	37	Wintrust	65	..	4.6	7.0 25.9

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	86½	-1	6.0a	6.9 11.1
168	87	Bass Charrgtn	148	-1	7.3	5.0 9.9
42	26	Belhaven Grp	41	-1	..	.. ..
234	78½	Bell A.	212	..	7.4	3.5 9.3
142	82	Boddingtons	142	..	5.9	4.2 15.1
112	64	Brown-M.	106	..	5.9	5.5 12.5
117	98	Bulmer H. P.	138	+2	4.9	3.5 8.1
160	75	Burtonwood	155	..	4.8	3.1 10.9
86	40	C of Ldn Dfd	60	..	3.6	4.1 23.8
192	107	Dewhirst	162	..	8.9	5.5 5.6
191½	119	Distillers	173	-1	9.9	5.7 10.9
565	190	Glenlivet Dist	510	..	6.4	1.3 12.5
107	88	Greenall	107	+1	4.0	3.7 10.8
240	152	Greene King	223	+1	10.9	4.9 12.5
196	134	Guinness	187	-1	10.6	5.7 9.0
143	95	Hardys & H'sons	143	..	10.6	7.4 9.6
158	98	Highland	158	..	4.4	2.8 21.3
100	75	Ind Coope	97	..	9.2	9.3 11.7
132	12	Irish Distillers	123	-2	5.4	4.4 15.2
57	31	Marston	57	..	2.7	4.7 8.8
98	46	Scot & Newcastle	88	..	4.9	7.1 15.1
134½	92½	Tamdeen	134	..	6.3	3.5 10.1
98	48	SA Breweries	80	..	8.3	10.6 4.3
107	42	Tomatin	103	..	4.1	4.0 30.2
415	258	Vaux	382	+2	24.4	6.2 10.2
98½	58½	Whitbread 'A'	92	+½	5.6	6.1 10.4
98	60	Do B	93	..	5.6	6.0 10.6
94	55	Whitbread Inv	86	+3	5.7	6.6 23.7
200	114	Wolverhampton	198	..	8.7	4.4 11.7

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	119	+1	8.3	7.0 8.5
142	56	AB Electronic	107	-1	7.6	7.1 7.4
33	25	AC Cars	33	..	1.8	3.6 9.5
80	32	AGB Research	80	..	3.5	2.9 14.7
225½	154	APV Hldgs	215	-2	8.1	3.8 8.6
71	43	Aaronson Bros	61	..	2.8	4.6 6.9
116	62	Acrow	116	..	3.6	3.1 13.2
55	37	Do A	52	..	3.6	4.1 10.1
41	11	Adda Int	39	..	0.8	2.0 ..
282	150	Adwest Group	271	+13	10.2	5.6 7.5
63	34	Aeron'l & Gen'	57	..	3.5	6.1 10.2
62	42	Aletta Ind	51	..	4.6	9.0 6.7
171	79	Albright & W	104	-1	6.5	6.3 6.5
98	69	Alcan 10¾%	290½	..	1050	11.6 ..
144	71	Do 9¾% Cnv	£138	-3	900	6.5 ..
300	205	Alginate Ind	295	..	19.7	6.7 10.9
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	69	-1	6.6	10.8 ..
54	25¾	Allen W. G.	54	..	2.8	7.2 6.0
73	44	Allied Colloids	73	..	2.4	3.3 12.9
65	43	Allied Insulators	65	..	5.3	8.0 8.0
155	72	Allied Plant	152½	+½	1.1	0.9 2.3
50	19	Allied Polymer	50	..	3.4	6.7 24.5
195	78½	Allied Retailers	184	..	12.2	6.6 9.3
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	41½	-½	2.5	6.0 24.3
282	210	Amal Metal	277	..	21.5	7.7 8.4
136	57¼	Amal Power	131	+½	8.0	6.1 7.3
175	59	Carlton Ind	175	+2	8.3	4.7 8.1
76	48	Carpets Int	54	+1	6.1	11.2 8.9
68	52	Carr J. (Don)	68	+2	4.3	6.3 8.1
178	118	Carrton Utr	169	-1	8.6	5.1 10.3
178	57	Carvell P. J.	157	..	3.6	2.3 9.7
264	153	Ass Port Cement	264	-1	13.1	5.0 8.7
119	68½	Ass Tel 'A'	112	..	9.9	8.9 7.8
40	23½	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5a	13.3 6.5
39	17	Astbury & Meller	39	..	1.7	4.3 61
51	27	Atkins Bros	50	..	5.8	11.1 7.5
45	17	Audiotronics	34	..	1.2	3.5 ..
53	36	Aust & Wiborg	53	..	2.9	5.5 7.9
46	32	Aurora Hldgs	39	..	7.9	8.0 4.7
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8 5.0
113½	51	Automotive Pd	102	+1	3.5	2.8 8.2
34	14½	Avana Grp	33½	..	1.6	4.6 8.4
114	113	Averys	153	..	8.3	5.4 9.2
207	135	Avon Rubber	225	+2	14.2	6.3 8.8
207	215	B.A.T. Ind	223	+2	20.0	7.3 8.3
260	203	Do Dfd	233	..	..	.. ..
68	39	BBA Grp	62	..	3.4	5.5 8.1
136	57	BICC	115	-1	10.0	8.7 13.7
82	61	BOC Int	76	..	4.8	6.3 5.2
178	111	BPB Ind	160	+½	11.0	6.9 7.7
50	32	BPM Hldgs 'A'	47	..	4.2	.. ..
118	74	BSG Int	111	..	6.3	5.7 7.1
151	86	BSR Ltd	94	-1	7.1	7.6 4.2
293	142½	BTR Ltd	237	..	13.8	5.8 8.2
144	70	Babcock & W	116	-1	8.0	6.9 5.1
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	34	..	3.5	10.4 10.5
3½	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	3½	..	0.3	3.6 10.7
103	93	Baird W.	103	..	14.1	8.5 6.0
93	83	Baker Perkins	93	+1	6.3	6.8 7.5
53	29½	Bamborgers	49	..	4.5	9.2 5.5
15	9	Barker & Dixon	13½	..	..	.. ..
244	144	Barlow Rand	189	+5	18.5	9.7 3.9
39	24	Barr & Wallace	31	..	5.1	7.3 6.9
37	27	Do A	29	..	5.1	7.4 6.7
136	56½	Barratt Devs	119	-2	12.2	10.3 5.6
34	26	Barrow Hepbn	31	+1	5.6	10.9 6.9
53	48	Barton & Sons	53	..	3.5	6.6 7.9
159	69	Basil G.	155	+3	7.5	5.0 9.6
39	29	Bath & P'land	30	..	5.8	6.2 4.5
57	34	Beales J.	57	..	4.0	6.9 4.2
146	66	Beatson Clark	124	+2	7.6	4.4 7.0
51	15½	Beauford Grp	50	..	4.6	9.2 8.5
73½	48	Beckman A.	71	..	6.5	9.5 7.9
890	372	Beecham Grp	855	+3	28.0	4.3 13.7
82	38½	Bejam Grp	74	..	2.2	3.0 18.4
84	54	Benrose Corp	65	..	5.8	9.9 6.2
178	72½	Bean Bros	63	..	3.3	5.3 10.0
169	67	Berisford S & W	220	-1	12.5	5.7 3.7
60	31	Berisford's	60	+2	3.4	5.7 6.3
54	36	Best & Mcy	54	..	4.3	7.9 9.4
186	122	Bestobell	162	+3	14.3	8.8 8.4
68	28	Bett Bros	57	..	2.6	3.9 7.3
227	103	Bibby J.	220	-2	10.1	4.6 7.2
54	34	Bifold Qualcst	49	..	3.1	6.4 8.3
100	32	Billingham Mint	66	+6	2.0	10.0 7.1
230	148	Bishops Stores	180	..	3.7	2.1 10.1
195	147	Do A NV	167	..	3.7	2.5 8.3
123	68	Black & Edg'n	116	..	6.4	5.6 15.3
98	49	Blackmn & C	98	..	..	.. 33.0
98	49	Blackwd Hodgs	82	..	4.4	5.4 7.3
52	34	Blagden & W	245	..	..	.. 16.7
29	25	Blundell-Perm	27	..	1.8	6.7 ..
72	52	Boardman K. O.	72½	..	1.5	11.8 3.3
73	32	Bodytone	72	..	3.4	4.7 7.8
28	17	Bouser Eng	22	..	2.0	8.5 12.7
126	78	Booker McCon	125	..	10.7	4.8 10.3
192	94	Bovey & Hukes	182	+2	7.3	3.8 7.9
157	57	Boot H.	135	..	9.2	6.1 ..
242	115	Boots	233	..	4.3	1.9 17.0
73	50	Borthwick T.	73	..	9.4	12.9 9.3
72	45	Bolton W.	70	..	3.2	4.6 6.6
218	160	Bowater Corp	177	-3	14.7	8.3 8.3
56	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	39	+1	2.3	5.9 7.2
88	63	Brady Leslie	87	..	8.0	9.1 5.0
76	60	Brady Ind	73	..	8.6	11.8 13.9
76	57	Do A	71	..	8.6	12.1 13.5
40	23½	Braham Miller	37	..	2.3	6.2 8.0
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172	67½	Brakhealle	147	..	6.1	4.2 4.1
114	44	Brammer H.	110	..	6.4	5.8 10.3
53	36	Brenner	50	..	5.8	11.6 10.1
52	30	Brent Chem Int	189	-1	3.7	1.9 15.6
47½	23	Brent Walker	47½	..	1.7a	3.6 21.6
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172	105	Bridon	116	-2	9.8	8.2 6.2
197	107½	Bright J. Grp	40	+1	3.7	9.3 7.2
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82	45½	Canada Hldgs	74	..	6.0	8.1 6.5
45	36	Canning W.	65	+1	5.3	8.2 10.7
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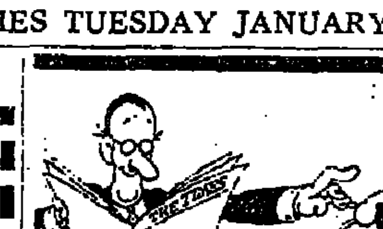
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... pm A night early, but welcome nevertheless, is John Cairney's remarkable portrayal of Burns.—I.R.R.

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 2.15-2.30 pm, Other People's Children. 3.00, Film as Evidence.* 3.30-3.55, The Living City.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Propaganda with Facts. The New Jerusalem.*
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Pro-Celebrity Golf. Bruce Forsyth and Johnny Miller v Tony Greig and Tony Jacklin.
9.00 Spike Milligan in Q7.
9.30 Revolution at the Mirror, story of a negotiation between a print union and a newspaper management.
11.00 In the Looking Glass, with John Fortune, John Wells, Madeline Smith, Carl Davis.
11.30 News.
11.40-12.20 am, The Old Grey Whistle Test with The Motors, Merger.
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Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Mr and Mrs. 3.50, Thames. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Play the Game. 12.00-12.30 am, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, ATV. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Sinbad Junior. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Granada. 7.00, Dave Allen. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Cuckoo in the Nest. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.25 am, Executive Suite. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.30-4.45, Seren Wib. 6.00-6.15, Y Dydd. 10.30, Bywyd. 11.30-12.25 am, Burns. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Mr and Mrs. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Thames. 8.30, Dave Allen. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, West Side Medical. 12.25 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, ATV. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 7.30, Movin' On. 8.30, Thames. 11.30, The Prisoner (r). 12.30 am, Christians in Action.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Wish You Were Here? 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Treasure Hunt. 7.30, Thames. 8.30, Dave Allen. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, West Side Medical. 12.00, Weather.

Thames

11.55 am, Felix the Cat. 12.00, The Wotsit from Whizz-bang. 12.10 pm, Daisy, Daisy. 12.30, Kitchen Garden (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, The Stars Looks Down (r). 3.20, Rolf Harris. 3.50, Couples (r). 4.20, Get it Together. 4.45, Magpie. 5.15, Sportscene.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at Six.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Dave Allen.
7.30 The streets of San Francisco.
8.30 Rising Damp (r).
9.00 Wilde Alliance.
10.00 News.
10.30 Burns, documentary.
11.30 Quincy.
12.25 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mediterranean Venture. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Dave Allen. 8.00, Charlie's Angels. 9.00, Thames. 11.30-12.30 am, Gibbsville.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Survival. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, The Practice. 12.10 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Peter Powell. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.00, Folk 78.† 9.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.55, Sport. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Folk 78.† 7.30, On the Third Beat.† 8.02, Hubert Gregg. 9.02, Boxing: Charlie Magri v Santos Nunez and Jimmy Batten v Zovek Barajas. 10.02, Beat the Record. 10.30, Johnny Morris. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, J. C. Bach, Beethoven.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Elgar, Britten.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Brahms.† 9.50, Academy of the BBC, part 1: Rossini, Kodaly, Schubert.† 10.45, In Short. 10.50, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 11.30, Plainsong and the Rise of European Music.† 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Haydn, Debussy, Schoenberg.
1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Schumann. 2.05, Beethoven from Bristol (violin and piano recital).† 3.00, A little light music.† 4.00, Vaughan Williams Symphonies, conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.† 5.15, Jazz Today.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound.† 6.30, Nation at Work. 7.00, Reading after 10.
7.30, Music in Question.† 8.00, Festival Hall concert, part 1: Balakirev, Liszt.† 8.35, A Self-Portrait, part 4: Civilization. 8.55, Concert, part 2: Tchaikovsky.† 9.50, Fernando Pessao, selected poems. 10.20, Holst.† 10.30, Piano recital: Haydn and Beethoven.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411, Beat Crime 78, with Chief INSP George Loftin, Baroness Phillips. 10.00, News. 10.05, Round Europe Quiz. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Play: Two Men from Derby. 11.35, Through African Eyes. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.20, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, The Pickwick Papers. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: Bulldog Drummond. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.30, The Burkiss Way. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Time for Verse. 7.30, Kaleidoscope. 8.00, Radio 3. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, The Enthusiasts: The Mighty Wurlitzer. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: Troubles. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

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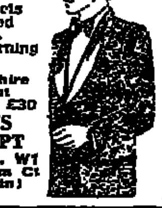
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BRAZINGTON.—On January 5th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jill and Phillip—a son (Matthew Philip) a brother for David.

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COWLE.—On January 16th, at Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, to Moni (nee Davies) and Vivian—a son (Thomas Owain Morgan), a brother for Sian.

FANE-GLADWIN.—On Tuesday, 17 January, to Shirley and John—a daughter (Helen), a sister for Lucy.

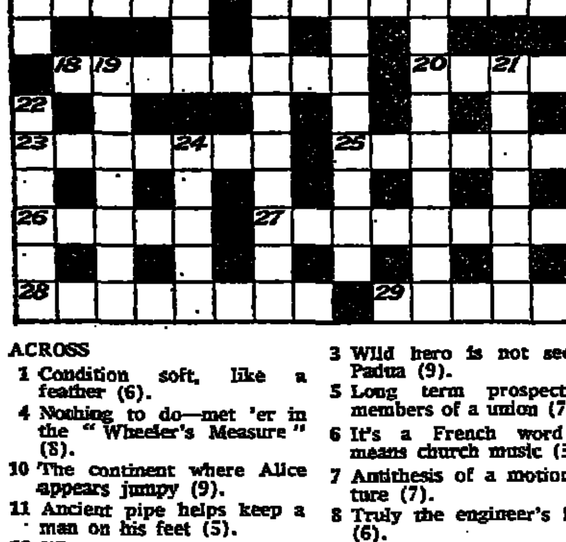
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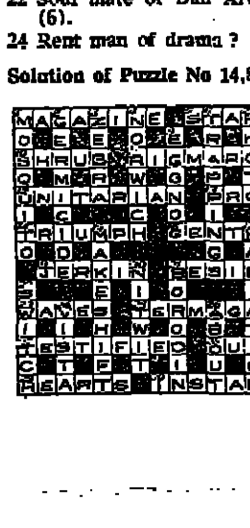
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ACROSS
1 Condition soft, like a feather (6).
4 Nothing to do—met 'er in the "Wheeler's Measure" (8).
10 The continent where Alice appears jumpy (9).
11 Ancient pipe helps keep a man on his feet (5).
12 Where in eastern currency divine waitress serves liquor (7).
13 Food for Scots—but nobody to eat it? (7).
14 Fashions lines in manuscript (5).
15 Champion gets Coronation Mug for refreshment (5-3).
18 Practical ingenuity concerning Spring? (8).
20 Disguise for Miss Liddell in Arden (5).
23 Jacket for the thinking man (7).
25 Commons alcove? (7).
26 Dainties for half of Henry's wives, we hear (5).
27 Beau Celebrity said to be somewhat weedy (9).
28 Issued with ten, made a lot of trouble (8).
29 Intelligent but second class side (6).

DOWN
1 Bard's works? Nothing to me when full of frolic (8).
2 Stand that is wrong as alternative choice (7).
3 Wild hero is not seen in Padua (9).
5 Long term prospect for members of a union (7, 7).
6 It's a French word and means church music (5).
7 Antithesis of a motion picture (7).
8 Truly the engineer's friend (6).
9 No bulletin say for this reporter (5, 9).
16 Perhaps a current love-story-teller? (9).
17 Female eccentric a hard one to crack? (5-3).
19 Treacle distressed her (7).
21 Permission you get from the landlord (7).
22 Soul mate of Dan Archer? (6).
24 Rent man of drama? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,815



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PETERS.—On Jan. 15th, in Freetown, to Jennifer (nee Bonallack) and Richard—a son (Nicholas Richard Lovell), a brother for Christopher and Edward.

REEDER.—On January 20th, at Montagu Hospital, Mexborough, Yorkshire, to Sheila (nee Sparham) and Peter—a son (Peter). Both well.

SWABEY.—On January 20th, to Alison (nee Reade) and Stephen—a son (Edmund).

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BIRTHDAY

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DEATHS

ALLEN.—On 10th January, Frederick George, of Loddenvean, Wembdon Hill, Bridgwater, aged 88, beloved husband of Susan Mary, devoted father of John Allen, Regional Director British Council, Bristol. Cremation private. Memorial service St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater, Friday, 27th January, 2.30.

ALLEN.—On January 21st, peacefully, in hospital, Sidney James, of 7 Orchard Way, Haywards Heath, Sussex, beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Richard and William. Funeral private; no flowers, please.

ARNSBY.—On January 20th, suddenly, Pamela Ann (nee Skelding), of Machynlleth, Powys, much loved wife of Anthony David and mother of Simon David and Anthony James. Private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to the National Association for Mental Health, 22 Harley Street, London.

BATES.—On Jan 20, 1978, Leslie Fleetwood, FRS, CBE, Emeritus Professor of Physics, at Nottingham University. Loved father of Roger and Elizabeth, grandfather of Stuart, Heather, Peter and Richard. Funeral private. No flowers by request, memorial service will be held at St Peters Church, Nottingham, on Tuesday, Jan 31st at 1 pm.

BAYLY.—On December 26, 1977, in California, formerly of Ness Strange, Salop, Cecil Charles Paget, in his 93rd year, husband of Alice, eldest son of Capt E. H. Bayly, C.B., R.N., grandson of Colonel G. R. Edwards, H.E.I.C.S. and Madras Cavalry of Ness Strange, brother of Norah and uncle of Dorothy and Sheila.

BLOUNT.—On January 21st, 1978, at Seaview, Sir Edward Robert Blount, Bart. (Bob Blount), aged 94, beloved father of Jasper and Diana. Funeral private. No flowers or letters, please.

BROWN.—On 19 January, peacefully, aged 95, Gladys Elizabeth Brown, of 3 Ashmore Terrace, Sunderland, widow of the Rev G. T. Brown, of Brechin, Angus and much loved mother of Dr Margaret Brown.

BUTLER.—On Jan. 19th, 1978, peacefully, at Cranhill Nursing Home, Bath, Rita Reine, widow of Eric W. Butler, lately of Stoke Bishop, Bristol. Much loved and loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Funeral service today, Tues., Jan. 24th.

CASH.—On January 22nd, 1978, peacefully, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Sir Thomas James Cash, K.B.E., C.B., of Lincoln Court, Weybridge, beloved husband of Gladys Ann, loving father of Janet and Michael, dear grandpa of David, Christopher, Paul and Ruth. Requiem mass on Friday, January 27th, at 12 noon, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey, followed by interment at Catholic Church, Effingham. Flowers to James and Thomas Ltd., Mill Rd., Cobham, by 10 a.m., on the 27th.

CHANCE.—On January 21st, peacefully in Carlisle, Marjorie Winifred, widow of Sir Robert Chance and much loved mother of Mary, Ruth, Andrew and Christopher. Funeral 24th January. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to C. M. S. 157 Waterloo Rd. London SE1.

DE PARAVICINI.—On January 22 after short illness, Frederick Fenwick (Eric) aged 74. Funeral Friday, 2.30 at Abbotts Ann, Andover. Family flowers only.

DOW.—On Jan. 22nd, Alfred Charles, aged 86, in hospital after short illness. Much loved father of Scarlett and grandfather of Amanda and Jonathan.

DOWSETT.—On January 22nd, 1978, in Australia, peacefully after a short illness, Harry, dearly loved husband of Monica and wonderful father to Margaret, Alan and Jane.

FAIRCLOUGH.—On 21st January, 1978, peacefully, Walter Amédée Fairclough, of Pasturewood Cottage, Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey, dearly loved husband of Mada and father of Ian and Suzanne. Service at St. Mary's Church, Stoke d'Abernon, on Thursday, 26th January, at 13.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations may be sent to the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead.

GARDINER.—On 22nd January, peacefully, at home, 33 Breinton Rd., Hereford, Emily Blanche, beloved wife of Norman, dear mother of Bob, Susan and Jane, and much loved grandmother of Juliet, Charlotte, Bruce, Sarah, and Thea. Service at St. Nicholas Church, on Thursday, 26th January, at 10.45 a.m., followed by private burial. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o. Miss M. Butler, County Hospital, Hereford. Enquiries to Lindsey Price Ltd., 15/17 Commercial St., Hereford. 'Phone 2196/7.

GARSTIN, ALETHEA (Rikki).—On 23rd January, 1978, aged 83 years, peacefully at her home at Zennor. Funeral at Zennor Church 2.30 p.m. (provisionally) on Wednesday, 25th January. No flowers; donations for Cancer Research to the Vicar of Zennor.

GILLON.—At Eden Hall Hospital, Musselburgh, on 23rd January, 1978, as a result of a riding accident in the summer, Isabella Agnew Gillon, aged 67 years, daughter of the late Stair Agnew Gillon, of Abbey St. Bathans, Duns. Funeral at Abbey St. Bathans Church, on Thursday, 26th January. Private funeral (family and estate).

GREENWOOD.—On January 21st, 1978, at his home, "Greenbanks", Moor Side Lane, Wiswell, near Whalley, John David, aged 82 years, the very dear husband of Gertrude Greenwood. Service in Whalley Parish Church, on Wednesday at 3.15 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please; donations, if desired, may be sent to Walshaw Hall, c/o the Secretary, Masonic Temple, Bridge St., Manchester. Enquiries Scales Funeral Service Ltd. Tel.: Blackburn 55911/2.

GUYLER, HARRY SYKES.—On Jan. 21st, at his home in Sprotborough, Doncaster, beloved husband of Jean Guyler and father of Simon and Nicholas.

HALL.—On January 19th, in St. Thomas' Hospital, London, Sir John Hall, O.B.E., Member of Parliament for the Wycombe Division. Beloved husband of Nancy and dear father of Felicity Codrington and Andrew. Funeral service at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Wednesday, 25th January, at 12 noon. Memorial service at High Wycombe Parish Church on Saturday, 28th January, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the Hon Secretary, Buckinghamshire Branch, Royal British Legion, 74 London Road, Slough.

HEARNDEN.—On 23rd January, 1978, Beryl, in her 81st year, peacefully after a long illness. Loved friend of many nationalities. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium on Monday, 30th January, at 2 p.m. No flowers by request.

HENDERSON.—On January 23rd, at Worthing, Jane Thompson (Jean), late of Golders Green, aunt of Mary, John, Janet and Derk. Funeral at Woking Crematorium, Hermitage Rd., Woking, on Monday, January 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

HOHNEN.—On 16th January, 1978, peacefully, at Umtali, Rhodesia, Arline Lilly, aged 86, wife of the late Frederick H. Hohnen.

HOUSTON.—In Glasgow on 14th January, 1978, Lilias, artist, wife of George, mother of Eirene, Tom and Katherine.

JANTET.—On January 21st, 1978, peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital, Madame Renée Jantet, aged 74, dearly loved mother of Georges, Madeleine, Paul, Monique, Bernard and Suzanne, beloved by her sons and daughters-in-law and by her 16 grandchildren. Requiem Mass at Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, W.C.2, at 9.45 a.m. on Friday January 27th. Flowers to A. France Ltd., 45 Lamb's Conduit St., W.C.1. 01-405 4091.

JOHNSON.—On January 20th, at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, Elra, of 43 Queens Rd., Aberystwyth. Funeral Wednesday, January 25th, public service at Holy Trinity Church, at 1.45 p.m., followed by interment at Aberystwyth Cemetery. No flowers, by request, donations in lieu for The Humane Research Trust may be given to the Rev Butler, The Vicarage, Buarth Rd., Aberystwyth.

KNAPP.—On January 22nd, 1978, peacefully after a long illness, bravely borne Hubert Saville. Very dearest husband of Brenda. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

LATHAM.—On Saturday, January 21st, peacefully, after a short illness, Maya Helen, Lady Latham of Lindfield, Sussex, dearly loved mother of Mala, Jeanne and Diana. Requiem Mass at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath, Wednesday, January 25th, at 10.45 a.m. Flowers to Hilton's Funeral Directors, Haywards Heath.

LEESE.—On January 22nd, Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver William Hargreaves Leese, Bt., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., died peacefully at home, aged 83. So much loved. Funeral service, Worfield Church, Worfield, Salop, Friday, January 27th, 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Perry and Phillips, Listley Street, Bridgnorth, Salop. Memorial service in London later.

LUCAS.—On 21st January, at St. Anne's, Tavistock Rd., Woodford, E.18, Catherine Lucas, M.Sc., formerly of 56 Russell Square, W.C.1, aged 76. Youngest daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Loftus Lucas, of Harpenden.

LUSHINGTON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1978 at the Royal Free hospital Hampstead, after a short illness, Stephen Wellesley Lushington, Commander R.N. (retired). One time Governor H.M. prison service. Dearly loved father of Bruce and Susan. Funeral service at St. Johns Wood Church on Thursday, Jan. 26th at 2.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead.

LYNAM.—On January 20th at his home in Oxford, after a short illness, Joc, dear husband of Barbara, brother of Audrey and late headmaster of the Dragon School. Funeral service at Saint Andrews Church, Linton Road, on Wednesday, 25th January, 1978, at 2 p.m. Private cremation afterwards. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to the Lynam Educational Fund, c/o The Dragon School, Oxford. Memorial service to be announced later.

MACALISTER.—On January 20th, peacefully, at home, after a short illness, Leslie, widow of Doctor C. J. Macalister and much loved by family and friends. Funeral on Friday, 27th January. Family flowers only. Enquiries to E. Seymour & Son Ltd., 26 Marlborough Rd., St. Albans, Herts. Tel. St. Albans 53091.

MACLEAN.—On January 20th 1978, at Edinburgh, James Noel Mackenzie Maclean, of Glensanda, B.Litt., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., husband of Virginia. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please.

MULLOY.—On Jan. 20th, suddenly but peacefully, at his home, 13 Alberon Gardens, London, N.W.11, Pat, beloved husband of Beryl and father of Ann, Gareth, and Noel. Funeral service on Thursday, 26th of Jan. at 3 p.m., Golders Green crematorium, West Chapel. Family flowers only. If desired donations in lieu may be sent to British Diabetic Association, 3 Alfred Place, W.C.1.

ODY.—On January 20th, 1978, peacefully at home, Robert Henry Morton, aged 76, of Malvern, Worcestershire. No flowers or letters, please.

PITT.—On 21st January, peacefully, in hospital, Sybil Helen, of Woodlands Hall, Glazeley, near Bridgnorth, aged 82. Funeral service at Glazeley Parish Church, on Thursday, January 26th, at 11.00 a.m. Cremation private. No flowers, please, but donations to Glazeley Church.

PRENDERGAST-ARNOLD.—On Sunday, January 22nd, peacefully, Gertrude (Truda), widow of G. A. Prendergast-Arnold and much loved mother of Anthony. Funeral service at Richmond Parish Church, Wednesday, 1st February, 1978, at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation and later service at Ambrosedon. Flowers may be sent to Sanders Funeral Directors, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

RANSOM.—On 21st January, 1978, Shila Gwynne Ransom, physician, passed to the Greater Light. Inquiries for funeral arrangements to Levertons (01-387 6075). No flowers, please, at her request.

SPEAR.—On January 23rd, peacefully, at home, Gertrude, beloved wife of Richard, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Service 13.30, Wednesday, January 25th, Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

SUTCLIFFE.—On Jan 22, at Beanlands Nursing Home, Crosshills, aged 83 yrs, Herbert, husband of the late Emily and dear father of Barbara, Bill and John and much loved grandfather. Service at Otley United Reformed Church, on Wed, Jan 25th at 11.45 am, followed by Cremation at Rawdon. Family flowers only. If desired donations in lieu may be sent to St Dunstans, PO Box 58, 191, Old Marylebone Road, London. In Memory of his brother in law, Mr Reg Pease.

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TYRRELL.—On January 21, 1978, at Epsom district Hospital, Jack Edmund, beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Michael, Jennifer and Amanda. Cremation at Randall's Park Crematorium, Randall's Road, Leatherhead, Friday, January 27, at 3.30 p.m. Cut flowers only to W. A. Truelove and Son Ltd., High St., Cheam, Surrey, by 1 p m.

VAUX.—On 21st January, 1978, peacefully at her home, Elizabeth Felicity (Bay) Vaux, aged 77 years, widow of Commander P. E. Vaux, OBE, DSC, RN. Funeral service at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, 12.15 pm, on Thursday, January 26th, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Langham Browne Ltd., Lymington 74300.

VESZY-WAGNER.—On Jan. 22nd, 1978 peacefully Doctor Lilla Veszy-Wagner, widow of Mátyás Veszy, mother of Daisy Emoke Finney, grandmother of Patricia, Mark, Gavin, and Victoria. Funeral service at St. Marylebone cemetery, East End Road, N.2, on Friday, Jan. 27th, at 11.30 a.m. Enquiries to Leverton and Sons, Hampstead. 596 3001.

WINSTON.—On Jan 21st, peacefully, after a short illness in hospital, Percy Winston FRCS, beloved father of Jackie and Anthony, deeply mourned by his children, mother, sister relatives and friends. Funeral took place, Monday, donations to Cancer Research.

WOOLLEY.—On January 21st, 1978, painlessly after a road accident, Edith Dorothea, widow of John Frank Woolley, in her 80th year. Burial at St. Margaret's Church, Fernhurst, at 11.30 on Saturday, January 28th, 1978. Cut flowers will be used afterwards in the church and elsewhere.

YOUNG.—On January 20, Christopher Alwyn J. Young, F.R.S., of Concord House, White Cross, Warminster, beloved husband of Wendy Gladys and dear stepfather of Jacqueline and Anthon Hornsby-Heaton. Cremation private. Memorial service, Stourton Church, Wiltshire, Friday, 27, at 2 p.m.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

EDWARDS.—The memorial service for Ralph Edwards, C.B.E., will be held at St. Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, W.4, on Thursday, January 26th at 12 noon.

GOUGH.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Frederick Gough will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1978 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

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